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RAVI PUJARI CHARGED WITH MURDER OF D-GANG MEMBER

A special court has framed charges against gangster Ravi Pujari in a case related to the 1999 murder of an alleged member of fugitive underworld don Dawood Ibrahim's gang. The charges were framed against him on Wednesday for conspiring with the now acquitted accused for allegedly committing the crime, his lawyer D S Manerkar said. The accused, however, told the court he has nothing to do with the case, Manerkar said

NARENDRA MODI
Prime Minister

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EKNATH SHINDE
Chief Minister, Maharashtra

"With the inspiration of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the spirit of 'Swaraj' (self-rule) and 'Surajya' (Good Governance) is strongly manifested in today's India as well as in the double engine governments."

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Farmer

- 'NaMo Shetkari Mahasanman Nidhi Scheme' – State will provide Rupees 6,000 for each farmer annually, benefiting 1.15 crore farmers.
- Crop Insurance in 1 Rupee; Government shall pay rupees 3312 Crore towards Crop Insurance premiums.
- The Jalyukta Shivar campaign (Phase-2) resumed in 5000 villages, aiming to restore water abundance in the state's villages.
- 29 water resource projects accorded revised approvals, which will irrigate 6 lakh 50 thousand hectares of land.
- A fund of Rs.7093.19 crores has been distributed to 62 lakh 60 thousand farmers for the period of June to October 2022.
- An incentive of Rs. 50,000 each has been disbursed to 12.84 lakh farmers, totaling Rs. 4683 crores.
- Mukhyamantri Saur Krushi Vahini Yojana 2.0, revolutionary decision for farmers to provide electricity to agricultural pumps during the day.

Infrastructure

- The Hindu Hriday Samrat Balasaheb Thackeray Samruddhi Maharashtra Samriddhi Highway is now operational up to Nagpur-Shirdi-Bharveer (601 Km)
- Bandra- Versova Coastal Bridge has been named Swatantra Veer Savarkar Bridge.
- The state plans to construct 5000 km of access control highways.
- The Mumbai Trans-Harbor Link project is 95% complete and has been named Atal Bihari Vajpayee Smriti Shivdi-Nhava Sheva 'Atal Setu'.

Women and Child Development

- The 'Lek Ladki' scheme has been introduced in a new form, providing benefits to the girl child of families holding yellow and orange ration cards. Financial assistance of up to 1 lakh will be provided until the child reaches 18 years of age.
- Women will receive a 50 percent discount on ST travel, benefiting women travellers.

Employment

- The recruitment process for 75000 posts in Government has been expedited, examinations to be conducted through TCS and IBPS.
- More than 12,000 entrepreneurs granted loans through the Chief Minister's Employment Generation program, leading to the employment of over 1 lakh youth.
- A separate corporation has been established for unorganized workers, providing relief to crores of workers.

Education

- Students will now receive substantial scholarships, with a significant increase in the amount.
- Free uniforms, shoes, and socks will be provided to all students up to class VIII.
- PM SHRI Schools (PM Schools for Rising India) to emerge as exemplar schools in providing high-quality education in an equitable, inclusive and joyful school environment

Cultural Affairs

- The song "Jai Jai Maharashtra Majha, Garja Maharashtra Majha" has been officially recognized as the Maharashtra State Anthem.
- 'Shiv-Srishti',will be built on 45 acres at the base of Fort Raigad.
- An authority envisaged for the conservation of For Pratapgad

Industry

- Maharashtra once again ranks first in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), attracting an investment of rupees 1 crore 18 lakh Crore rupees in the last year.
- MoUs of rupees 1 lakh 37 thousand crores of investment in Maharashtra has been signed at Davos.
- A New Information Technology policy has been announced, expected to attract an investment of rupees 95,000 crores.
- The approval of a New Textile policy is expected to attract an investment of rupees 25,000 crores.

Health

- 'Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jan Arogya Yojana' and 'Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Arogya Yojana' have been merged. 2 crore health cards will be distributed, providing health coverage up to 5 lakhs rupees per annum.
- In Maharashtra, 700 "Hindu Hriday Samrat Balasaheb Thackeray Aapla Dawakhana" will soon be started. Additionally, 160 health centres have been established in Mumbai, benefiting 7 lakh citizens.
- Approximately Rs. 82 crores in assistance was provided last year through the Chief Minister Medical Assistance Cell (Mukhaya-mantri Sahayta Kaksha).
- New government colleges will be established at 9 new locations in the state, with a provision of Rs. 4365 crore.

For All Inclusive Development

- The 'Modi Awas Gharkul Yojana' aims to build 1 million houses for Other Backward Classes in 3 years.
- Financial assistance in the 'Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar/ Shravanbal Yojana' has been increased from rupees 1000 to rupees 1500 (50% increase).
- Petrol tax has been reduced by Rs. 5 per litre, and diesel tax by Rs. 3 per litre.
- Senior citizens who have completed 75 years of age are eligible for free ST travel as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, benefiting over 10 crore senior travellers.
- "Anandacha Shidha" (ration) is distributed to all ration card holders in the State on the occasion of Diwali, Gudipadwa, and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Birth Anniversary.
- Under the "Shasan Aplya Daari" program, 40 lakh citizens have received direct benefits through the State government.
- A separate policy will be implemented to obtain affordable sand and prevent illegal mining.
- Prolonged slum-redevelopment plans expedited; MHADA authority to speed up the redevelopment of dangerous, cessed buildings.

With Blessings of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, One year of 'Surajya'

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DIGITAL MARKETING

HOPCOMS gets on bandwagon

10% off for consumers on bulk orders

PURAN CHOUDHARY @Bengaluru

BENGALUREANS can now buy fresh fruits and vegetables online from HOPCOMS and get them delivered right to their doorstep. This apart, bulk orders by restaurants and for marriages and small functions will entitle a 10 per cent discount, with the consignments sent to the locations.

Through the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) app, the Horticultural Producers' Cooperative Marketing and Processing Society (HOPCOMS) is trying to crack the online grocery market and has listed 25 stores across the city from where orders can be placed.

Earlier when HOPCOMS tried to get into the online market, a centralised system did not help. But now with a new approach and a decentralised market, a customer can choose a HOPCOM outlet in their location and place the order.

In May, HOPCOMS made a profit of Rs 62,791 for 405 orders. As the idea of availing fresh fruits and vegetables at subsidised rates got popular, the profits stood at Rs 1,02,914 in June.

"We are operating 25 HOPCOMS on a pilot basis and if successful, we will introduce new products in the market," Umesh Mirji, Managing Director, HOPCOMS, told The New Indian Express. He added that the cooperative society has partnered with a technology partner -- Innobits -- for the ONDC app to regularly update the cataloguing and price changes.

With more than 7,500 farmers part of the cooperative, Mirji said, "We want the customer base of HOPCOMS to grow. Since younger generations are tech savvy, online deliveries through the ONDC app can help us get more consumers."

Dheeraj Kumar from ONDC said, "Having HOPCOMS on the ONDC market will change the way the online grocery stores work. This same model can be replicated in other districts and cities, too, giving customers access to subsidised rates."

Currently, the platform charges a shipping fee of at least Rs 50, which goes to the delivery agents. Kumar added, "ONDC is a great platform for government and small-scale players where visibility is not just through a single platform, but from multiple ones such as PayTm, Mystore and Magicpin. In future, HOPCOMS could start delivering produce on their own, creating new opportunities," he added.

Consumers can place an order from HOPCOMS by scanning the QR Code or logging onto: https://www.ondc.org/ondc-buyer-apps/

Legal, penal action for violation of KSPCB targets

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), which had set short-, medium- and long-term goals to reduce air and water pollution, has started reviewing whether the set targets have been achieved and how much has been implemented.

According to officials, if private or government agencies, industries, residential or commercial buildings and individuals are found violating the set goals, stern legal or penal action under the Air and Water Act will be taken.

"A timeline for each goal was set. For example, to control water pollution, all industrial units were told to immediately stop the release of effluents into water bodies and even send their sewage to common effluent treatment plants till separate plants are set up in industries and apartment complexes. But even now, we find that this has not been done. It is high time legal action needs to be taken. Similar is the case with polluting vehicles. Government and private agencies have been told to check polluting buses and stop them from plying. But we still find them on roads. Similarly, every construction site should have sprinklers to control dust pollution. But that is not being done. Legal action will be taken against the contractors and the agencies," said a KSPCB official.

Board officials said goals and targets set by the central government and Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change will also be checked during the assessment. "The central government has set a target to reduce particulate matter (PM)-10 by 25 per cent by 2025- 26, keeping the base of 2019. Now, to ensure that the set target has been achieved, sources of pollution also need to be checked," the official said.

KSPCB Member-Secretary Shanth A Thimmaiah told The New Indian Express that apart from undertaking an assessment, the board is also working on creating awareness. Violators will be issued notices and then further action will be taken. He added that check on industries' performance was an ongoing process.

FAITH & FERVOUR

Thousands of Muslims offered special prayers in mosques across the city on Bakrid on Thursday. At Idgah Maidan in Chamarajpet (top right), prayers were offered under tight security as last year's festivities were marred by the ownership tussle | VINOD KUMAR T

Student union writes to CM over new number plates

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Bangalore University Post Graduate and Research Students Union has written to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah urging him to end the "monopoly" in affixation of High-Security Registration Plates (HSRP) for vehicles registered prior to 2019.

Addressing the media here on Thursday, Lokesh Ram, student activist and union president, said, "As old vehicle number plates are easy to be tampered with, there are high chances of them getting stolen and misused for crimes. To curb this, the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has made it mandatory to install HSRP for all old and new vehicles. While all the new vehicles have this, those registered before 2019 has to be fitted with HSRP. Karnataka has nearly two crore vehicles registered prior to 2019 and the state government's move to implement the affixation of HSRP, through empanelment of license plate manufacturers will only make way for monopoly and corruption."

HSRP is an aluminium vehicle number plate that is fixed to vehicles with two non-reusable snap-on locks and will have details like engine number, chassis number that will be stored in a centralised database.

Ram alleged that steps were taken discreetly by the state transport department to grant permission to only four companies to affix the number plates on old vehicles.

"There are more than 25,000 families who are in the business of manufacturing number plates in the state. Why should permission be given to only four companies to do the job?" he said.

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said, "I have not yet received any proposal to implement the HSRP for old vehicles."

New CGM for SBI B'luru Circle

Krishan Sharma

Bengaluru: Krishan Sharma has been appointed Chief General Manager, Bengaluru Circle, State Bank of India. He joined on June 21, 2023, said an official release. Sharma, a post-graduate from Rajasthan University, joined the bank as probationary officer in 1991. With rich operational experience in various important assignments, he has worked in Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Hyderabad and Amaravathi Circles. Prior to this posting, he was general manager in Amaravathi Circle. ENS

Educationists in support of State Education Policy

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ACADEMICIANS and educationists are batting for the formulation of a state education policy in Karnataka, especially in the higher education sector.

Amid confusion on whether the National Education Policy (NEP) will continue its course in Karnataka with the Congress coming to power, Higher Education Minister Dr M C Sudhakar has been holding meetings with stakeholders in the higher education sector over the last month. Recently, the minister held a meeting with developmental educationist Dr V P Niranjanaradhya, former Bengaluru City University Prof S Japhet and other academicians.

During the meeting, the academicians stated their support for the 'Reject NEP' promise in the Congress manifesto and stated that the way in which the policy was implemented was undemocratic. "Content aside, the method in which the policy had been formulated and passed in the parliament was completely undemocratic. There was no transparency and stakeholders were not consulted. It promotes the privatisation of education and gives into the philanthropic mode of funding education, where other countries are moving away from this," said Dr Niranjanardhya.

The academicians also encouraged the formulation of a state education policy, earlier announced by Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar. "We have also suggested that the policy implementation be reviewed in the state," said Dr Niranjanardhya.

Dr Sudhakar had stated that there were many conflicting opinions on the NEP and that meetings were being held with stakeholders across the state.

Canara Bank general meeting held

Bengaluru: Canara Bank held its 21st annual general meeting of shareholders on June 28, through video conference and other audio visual means. While discussing and adopting the audited balance sheet as on March 31, 2023, and the profit and loss account of the bank for the year ended March 31, 2023, shareholders expressed faith in the bank and its leadership team. The shareholders acknowledged and appreciated the management's efforts to improve the bank's performance and also appreciated the declaration of dividend of Rs 12 per share of face value of Rs 10 each for 2022-23. Vijay Srirangan, part-time non official director and non-executive chairman, was present on the occasion. ENS

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

30th June: I was checking some research recently which argued that human beings are really holograms - collections of particles of light projected forward in time from the creation of the universe. I know this may sound strange to some, but not so much to those who understand certain of the world's great sacred texts, such as the Vedas, of course.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You're bound to find the most affection coming from people you have known for some time, and to whom you might even be related. In turn, your energy could be directed primarily to professional contacts. You might misunderstand chance comments though, so don't over-react.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Venus, lady of love, is the planet to watch today, and by all accounts you should spare no effort in your drive to restore contacts with loved ones from the distant past or far away countries. You may have been stung by a partner's harsh words, but that only reinforces your determination.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Do yourself a favour and spend a little extra on loved ones today. The way to someone's heart is through your wallet, so don't stint when it comes to little gifts and mementoes of your esteem. If you get someone on your side now, they could become the most loyal of supporters.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The Moon's passionate presence gives you an emotional edge today. With just a little additional subtlety, you will be able to manoeuvre yourself into whatever personal situation you desire. A partner's consent will be necessary, but it should be forthcoming.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You should do your best to put all bad feeling behind you, realising that what's done is done, and that you have to get on with the future. You may now feel happiest in the company of people you've known for a long time, or friends who are capable of arousing emotional intensity.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Nobody is currently prepared to put in as much effort as you. Your main skill at the moment is to pick up on the vital details that tend to elude lovers and partners. But if you get too closely involved with colleagues then you might be infected by their amazing ability to create confusion.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Your home and family commitments have been weighing on your shoulders for some time now, but all the signs are that you're at the end of the tunnel. It's a marvellous moment to open new contacts, contemplate fresh options and make optimistic plans for the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Today's emotional alignments should convince you that the world is on your side, boosting your morale in the process. With your new-found confidence, you should spend at least some of your valuable time planning an emotional adventure. Also, keep half an eye on ethical issues.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Given that today offers some wonderful business options, you may use the opportunity to be as generous as you can. You might still be suffering from doubts in at least one relationship, but these will diminish over the coming few days. An older relation's support should come in handy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You may do well to surrender the initiative and follow other people's lead. In spite of what some of you believe, you have had it your own way much of the time, and colleagues should now be encouraged to have a crack of the whip. You need to trust that they can succeed, and that may not be easy!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Communication has been a little rough lately, but you have a good chance now to cement a relationship and confirm your plans. You don't have to keep your feelings to yourself for very much longer. You may find willing listeners today, so choose your words with care.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You are now entering a transitional stage between two social phases, and today's developments may help you clarify current commitments and plan future engagements. You should bear in mind that, next week, others will be forced to listen to your ideas.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Begin singing the song outside (4-3)
5 Wild party with many a man of music (5)
8 March saint is surprisingly celebrated in December (9)
9 A gold-plated propeller blade (3)
10 Lines of argument? (4)
12 Man of arms (8)
14 A shade partly drawn in good weather (6)
15 He refuses a measure of silk (6)
17 An exploit indeed to be beaten (8)
18 Leading performer you can't see any day (4)
21 There's nothing left in retrospect (3)
22 Any recess regarded as unavoidable (9)
24 Try a paper (5)
25 Simple type but he shows skill in bridge (7)

DOWN
1 Happen to upset company dog (5)
2 Is it sharper if pricked? (3)
3 Curate's parents hold up part of the church (4)
4 Spirit to drink up; result - uproar (6)
5 Is outwardly relieved but didn't give in (8)
6 One who bows and scrapes? (9)
7 One staggering on all fours (7)
11 Financial gains from the branches (9)
13 Ugly in an awkward way (8)
14 Neat and refined but rather slow (7)
16 Criminals may get cleared by horsemen (6)
19 Material that's light to put on (5)
20 Continent - as I am to start with (4)
23 Expertise in painting (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Free hand, 5 Pass, 9 Local, 10 Breeder, 11 Premeditated, 13 Detect, 14 Propel, 17 Above average, 20 Chime in, 21 Trail, 22 Done, 23 Neurotic.

Down: 1 Felt, 2 Excerpt, 3 Holy mackerel, 4 Nobody, 6 Audit, 7 Straddle, 8 Letterwriter, 12 Advanced, 15 Pageant, 16 Evince, 18 Onion, 19 Alec.

JUMBLE UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: ( ) - ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PLUMB SAUTE SWANKY LAWYER
Answer: He'd used "good" incorrectly, but he did — MEAN WELL

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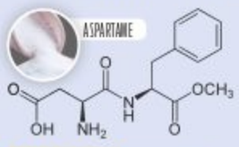
SOFT DRINK SWEETENER TIED TO CANCER?



Aspartame a non-sugar sweetener used in a wide variety of sugar-free products including Diet Coke, chewing gums and ice creams is set to be declared a possible carcinogen by the World Health Organization

1980s
When aspartame was introduced as sugar substitute in the US

The International Agency for Research on Cancer, the cancer research wing of the world health body, conducted a review of aspartame and found it to be **"possibly carcinogenic to humans"**, meaning there is "some evidence" that eating foods containing it may cause cancer

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Stopped on road, Rahul flies

Takes copter to visit Manipur camps after police blocks convoy citing law and order issues

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR & PREETHA NAIR @Guwahati / New Delhi

VIOLENCE-hit Manipur on Thursday witnessed high drama as the police blocked Rahul Gandhi's convoy citing law and order issues, triggering a political slugfest between the Congress and the BJP.

The Congress leader was on his way to relief camps in Kuki-dominated Churachandpur along with K C Venugopal and other leaders when his convoy was halted at Bishnupur near Imphal. The local administration led by the district magistrate and the Superintendent of Police prevented them from proceeding further.

Later, when a large crowd gathered around the convoy and demonstrated both for and against the Congress team's visit, the police fired tear gas shells to disperse the mob.

Following this, Gandhi returned to Imphal and took a helicopter — reportedly provided by the government — to reach his destination.

Churachandpur is one of the worst affected towns in the ethnic rioting which broke out in the state two months ago.

After meeting inmates at the relief camps, Gandhi said: "I came to understand what has happened and to try and bring back peace." He had lunch with children at one of the camps. Later, Gandhi met the leaders of civil society organisations and families of victims.

Meanwhile, a major political showdown erupted following the police action with the Congress accusing the BJP of trying to stop the party leader from talking to the victims of violence and the BJP blaming Gandhi for being irresponsible and proceeding with the road trip even after the local authorities requested him to use a chopper to visit the Kuki-dominated areas.

Targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge said: "PM Modi has not bothered to break his silence on Manipur. He has left the state to fend for itself. Now, his double-engine disastrous governments are using autocratic methods to stall a compassionate outreach by Rahul Gandhi."

Echoing Kharge, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said: "The PM may choose to remain silent or be inactive but why stop Rahul Gandhi's efforts to listen to all sections of the Manipuri society and provide a healing touch?"

BJP national spokesperson and Manipur in-charge Sambit Patra said the local administration had asked Gandhi to use a chopper but he stubbornly refused and hit the road.

Rahul Gandhi meets people displaced by violence at Churachandpur relief camp | PTI

ACTION BASED ON INTELLIGENCE INPUTS: COPS

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who is on a two-day visit to ethnic strife-torn Manipur, was stuck at Bishnupur near state capital Imphal for a few hours after his convoy of cars was stopped by the police and local administration. According to police sources, there were intelligence inputs that his convoy may come under attack

Two killed in fresh bout of violence

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

AFTER a brief lull, violence returned to Manipur with two persons being killed and many others injured in a fresh incident of firing on Thursday.

According to Army sources, armed rioters opened unprovoked fire, targeting the Haraothel village on the border of Meitei-majority Imphal West and Kuki-majority Kangpokpi districts at 5:30 am. The troops deployed in the area were immediately mobilised to prevent escalation of the situation.

Army's 3 Corps, based in Nagaland's Dimapur, said when the personnel were heading to the site, they came under fire. The troops responded in a "calibrated manner" to prevent any collateral damage. Swift action by the troops resulted in the cessation of firing, it added.

A defence ministry statement said there was intermittent firing at 4 pm, but the situation was brought under control by prompt response. But around 5.15 pm, an exchange of fire was reported from Bethel village. The statement said the troops were deployed to dominate the area and the situation was being monitored.

Meanwhile, unconfirmed reports said three persons were killed in Thursday's firing.

CRISIS IN TN

Guv dismisses Balaji, keeps order on hold

T MURUGANANDHAM @Chennai

IN an unusual move, Governor RN Ravi on Thursday dismissed V Senthil Balaji from the council of ministers without any recommendation from CM MK Stalin. The governor cited the "ongoing criminal proceedings" and other cases against Balaji as reasons for his dismissal.

V Senthil Balaji

Balaji has been continuing as a minister without a portfolio due to his illness. This is, perhaps, the first time a governor is taking such a step without any recommendation from the CM.

Reacting to the development, Stalin said: "The governor has no power to dismiss a minister. We will face this legally."

But PTI tweeted late night, "Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi informs CM MK Stalin about the decision to keep dismissal order of minister in abeyance: Sources".

Other media reports suggested the governor has kept in abeyance his decision to dismiss Balaji as he wishes to consult the Attorney General in this regard. However, Raj Bhavan officials declined to confirm this.

The 'dismissal' of Balaji from the council of ministers indicates that the confrontation between the DMK government and Ravi has reached its crescendo. Ever since the governor assumed office, he has been at loggerheads with the government. CONTINUED ON: P7

Bengaluru to host next meet of Oppn parties

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

THE next meeting of leaders of opposition parties is scheduled to be held in Bengaluru. While NCP supremo Sharad Pawar announced that it will be held on July 13 and 14, Congress leaders told *TNIE* that the dates may have to be decided in consultation with other parties because of assembly sessions in Bihar and Karnataka.

Many national leaders of opposition parties were in Bengaluru for the swearing-in ceremony of Siddaramaiah, including PDP leader Mehbooba Mufti, Bihar DCM Tejashwi Yadav, Jharkhand CM Hemanth S Soren, CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, and CPI general secretary D Raja.

The Congress leaders said, "The venue was shifted to Bengaluru from Shimla because of inclement weather. It was proposed to be held in Bengaluru where Congress is in power. It will be organised by the state unit of the party." P6

EXPRESS READ

Want 'ambitious' trade deal with India: Sunak

LONDON: British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has reaffirmed his commitment to a 'truly ambitious' free trade agreement with India and indicated his plans to visit New Delhi for the G20 Summit in September. Hosting a reception to celebrate UK-India Week 2023 at 10 Downing Street, Sunak said PM Narendra Modi and he agree that there is a huge potential to step up bilateral trade ties.

K'taka coast may see heavy rain for 10 days

MANGALURU: Dakshina Kannada and Udupi are likely to receive widespread rainfall with certain areas getting very heavy rain in the next 10 days, the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre said.

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XPLORE Tech

Xplore our redesigned back page. In today's theme, *Tech*, we look at cutting-edge technological deals done with the US, generative AI, 6G platform and much more.
—Editor

Journey of 151 Glorious Years

Dhootapapeshwar — Over 150 years of Ayurved excellence

Over 150 Years

Late Vaidyaraj Krushnashastri Puranik (1839-1905)
Late Vaidyaraj Vishnushastri Puranik (1864-1914)
Late Vaidyaraj Rambhau Puranik (1883-1933)
Late Vaidyaraj Gangadhar Puranik (1907-1980)
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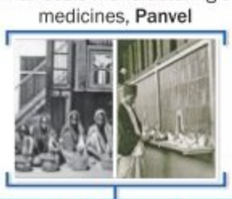
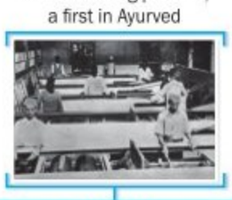
1866-71 The beginning, small scale manufacturing of medicines, **Panvel**



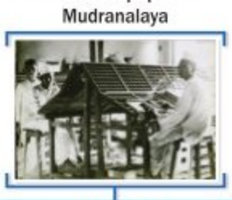
1872 Establishment of Aushadhi Karkhana, Panvel

1898 Enterprise renamed **Shree Dhootapapeshwar Arogyamandir Aryoushadhi Karkhana**, Advertisement of medicines in newspaper

1903 Installed mechanized trituration to scale-up manufacturing process, a first in Ayurved



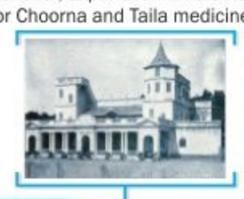
1906 Established **Shree Dhootapapeshwar Mudranalaya**



1908 Organised 2nd All India Ayurved Mahasammelan, Panvel

1910 Company by now had 15 depots nation-wide

1933-34 Established **Shree Dhootapapeshwar Ayurved Trust** & organised 'Bruhan Maharashtreeya Tridosha Charcha Parishada', Expanded manufacturing for Choorna and Taila medicines



1938 Established an Ayurved College & Hospital, in Panvel & launched **Arogya Mandir** monthly magazine for Ayurved Physicians

1940-60 Published multilingual Ayurved literatures. Company was now renamed **Dhootapapeshwar Industries Ltd.**

1950-70 Launched slew of new Brands in Ayurved market place along with mass media advertising & rural campaigns

1972 Established a modern large scale manufacturing unit at Bangalore, now it is **WHO GMP** and **ISO certified**

1975-80 Launched **Solumiks** division for full-fledged ethical marketing of Brands to modern medicine doctors

1980 One of the first evidence based clinical trials on modern pharmacological models – **Yogaraj Guggul**

1992 Exports to USA, Switzerland, Germany, Russia

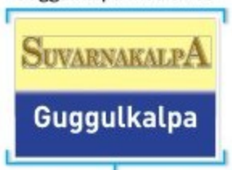
1996 Establishment of **Shree Dhootapapeshwar Ayurved Research Foundation** for Standardisation & Safety studies of all medicines

2001-04 '**Shree Dhootapapeshwar Standards**' compiled for transparency with Physician and Consumer on Quality Standards for all medicines

2005-08 Company branches in Nepal and Sri Lanka start operations

2008-10 Captive cultivation of fresh medicinal plants

2010-14 Largest range of **Suvarnakalpa** and **Guggulkalpa** medicines



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An unidentified man was found murdered near Nettigere Gate on Kanakapura Road in Thalaghattapura police station limits, on Thursday morning. The identity of the deceased, aged around 30 years, is yet to be established. "The assailants have brutally assaulted the victim with lethal weapons and have hacked him to death," the police said

Lokayukta sleuths arrest tahsildar

Preliminary probe suggests he has allegedly amassed a huge amount of 'benami' properties

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A DAY after the raids on 15 government officials, the Lokayukta police have arrested **Ajith Kumar Rai**, the tahsildar of Bengaluru East taluk in KR Pura, as the preliminary probe suggested that he has allegedly amassed a huge amount of 'benami' properties.

On Wednesday, the Lokayukta police had searched 11 places related to him, which led to the disclosure of properties worth approximately Rs 1.90 crore, including Rs 40 lakh in cash. Rai was also found to be using 4-5 luxury cars, which were registered in others' names.

However, it is the documents related to several properties in the names of other people running into hundreds of acres of land, which were found and seized during the raids that have landed the officer in trouble. The sleuths of the anti-corruption agency have strongly suspected that these properties belong to Rai, but are registered in his relatives' names.

Sources said Rai is not cooperating with the investigation, despite the officers quizzing him for more than 30 hours before deciding that his custodial interrogation is required to know more about his assets.

Lokayukta IGP Dr A Subramanyeswara Rao told *TNIE* that Rai has been arrested in connection with the disproportionate assets case and he will be produced before the court on Friday morning. "It was decided to arrest him as documents related to hundreds of acres of land are found and his custodial enquiry is required in the interest of the investigation," Rao said.

Sources added that the investigations have also revealed that Rai has also allegedly made some investments in businesses and he will be questioned about that.

JEWELLERY HEIST

Courageous girl ensures 7-year RI to two robbers

YATHIRAJU @Bengaluru

A daring minor girl landed two robbers in jail after the special court for children sentenced them to undergo seven years of rigorous imprisonment.

It was an usual day for the 17-year-old girl, who was with her mother and grandmother at home in Yeshwanthpur in the city on March 15, 2022. Her father, a gold merchant, had gone to his jewellery shop.

Around 1.20 pm, one of the four robbers knocked on the door. When the girl opened it slightly, one of them barged in and the other two entered the house, while one stood guard at the gate.

One of the robbers threatened the girl with a pistol and asked her mother to give her gold ornaments. She handed over a gold necklace, earrings and finger rings. The grandmother tried to make a call using her mobile phone, but a robber snatched it. When the girl tried to escape, one of them caught her and banged her head against the wall. Then all the four robbers escaped with the jewellery. Immediately, the mother and grandmother came to the balcony and started screaming for help.

Vegetable vendors nearby caught one of the fleeing robbers and handed him over to the police. Three others escaped.

The girl, who was studying second PU, filed the police complaint and also identified the accused in the parade. A split chargesheet was filed and the trial was conducted against the first two accused -- Amith Kumar Shukla and Manohar Singh -- who were sentenced by the court. Both have to pay a fine of Rs 50,000 each, said Judge Santosh CB in the order dated June 24.

The girl's father told the court that two out of four accused caused an accident a few days before the incident and got acquainted with him while dropping him home. They came to know of his background and financial ability. Accordingly, they hatched a plan to rob his house.

Mason held for trying to rape challenged woman

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A 28-YEAR-old mason has been arrested for allegedly attempting to rape a mentally-challenged woman in Srigandakavalu's 'D Group' Layout in Annapoorneshwari Nagar police station limits.

The victim would be left alone by her mother in the house, before she left for work at 9 am. The incident reportedly occurred on June 22. The accused, who works at a nearby construction site, allegedly tried to rape the 18-year-old victim when her mother was away. The incident came to light after the latter returned home. The police, who checked CCTV footage in the vicinity, identified the accused as Ibrahim, a native of Tamil Nadu, who has been remanded to judicial custody.

A complaint has been filed by the victim's 38-year-old mother, who works as a domestic help. Every one hour, she would return home to check on her daughter.

"When the mother returned home at 12.30 pm on June 22, she saw her daughter lying on the floor. She had injuries on her face and was reportedly incapable of explaining what had happened to her. The complainant then checked the CCTV footage of a neighbouring building, wherein the accused was seen jumping the compound wall and taking the victim inside her house. He was in the house for about 10 minutes from 11.42 am. After coming out, he went away by again jumping over the compound wall. This footage helped us arrest the accused," said an officer.

S India's first vertebral stentoplasty conducted at Bengaluru hospital

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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A 57-year-old woman, having suffered a spine fracture along with rheumatoid arthritis, underwent a vertebral body stenting procedure at city-based Aster CMI Hospital. This is claimed to be the first such surgery performed in South India.

The woman was brought to the hospital in severe pain and was even unable to walk. With her limited mobility, the doctors decided to perform a vertebral body stenting procedure (stentoplasty), which was minimally invasive. Dr Umesh Srikantha, Sr Consultant - Neurosurgery, Head of Spine Services, Aster CMI Hospital, explained: "The surgery was minimally invasive and was performed using the latest medical procedure in vertebral augmentation which gave immediate relief to the patient, who was able to walk in less than 24 hours. Balloon Kyphoplasty prevents the vertebral body from collapsing and also helps in vertebral body height restoration and shape."

A stent was inserted along with the balloon in the vertebrae, and the balloon was inflated later to raise the collapsed vertebra. The cavity formed after deflating the balloon, and was filled with bone cement to support the bone surrounding, Dr Srikantha explained. The whole procedure was completed within an hour and the patient saw significant improvement. She was able to walk comfortably without any assistance, he added.

S Ramesh Kumar, CEO, Aster CMI Hospital proudly called it South India's first such surgery conducted at their hospital, which was made possible with the help of the high-end technology.

IN THE NAME OF GOD

Sri Satyatma Tirtha, the pontiff of Uttaradi Math, gives Mudradaarane to members of the Madhwa community, in Bengaluru on Thursday. Mudradaarane is observed on the first Ekadashi day of Chaturmasa | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Rift between govt, GVK EMRI hits ambulance service

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THE '108' ambulance services have been affected because of the rift between the state government and GVK EMRI, the service provider.

The government stated that the poor service by GVK EMRI is the reason for non-payment of salaries for drivers of ambulances for three months. In all, 175 ambulances have gone off the road.

Officials from GVK EMRI said the government, instead of following the clauses in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in 2008, has created its own terms and conditions for clearance of payments. Prabhu Gowda, deputy director (108 ambulances), said the terms and conditions have been changed since all ambulances are not fully functional. Funds are being released based on utilisation of ambulances. Meanwhile, the employees operating the ambulances said that they have not received their salaries for the past three months. They wrote to the government on June 27 stating that if their salaries are not paid by July 7, they will go on strike from the next day.

Gowda said payments are being made on conditional clauses and will be made by Saturday.

GREATER BENGALURU-BIDADI SMART CITY PLANNING AUTHORITY
LRDE Building, NO.1, Ali Askar Road, Bengaluru-560052.
No.GBBSCPA/13/e-PROCUREMENT/2023-24 Date: 28.06.2023

NOTIFICATION

"e-Auction Notification **for Investment of Surplus Funds of GREATER BENGALURU-BIDADI SMART CITY PLANNING AUTHORITY has been published** in e-Procurement Portal of GoK. For details visit **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** (Auction Notice No.TPA/2023-24/AUCTION5)

Sd/-Member Secretary
Greater Bengaluru-Bidadi Smart City Planning Authority, Bengaluru.

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail ID:** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Phone:** 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.49,21,076/- (Rupees Forty Nine Lakh Twenty One Thousand and Seventy Six only)** as on **26-06-2023** together with further interest to be charged from **27-06-2023** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mr. S. Umesh, S/o. Mr. Suryanarayana, No.41/5, Dadys Garden, Kammasandra, Opp. Olive Apartments, Electronic City Post, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore - 560100. Also at, Mr. S. Umesh, S/o. Mr. Suryanarayana, No.339D, Bommasandra, Anekal TK, Bangalore - 560100. No.2) Mrs. Nirmala, W/o. Mr. S. Umesh, No.41/5, Dadys Garden, Kammasandra, Opp. Olive Apartments, Electronic City Post, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore - 560100. Also at, Mrs. Nirmala, W/o. Mr. S. Umesh, No.339D, Bommasandra, Anekal TK, Bangalore - 560100.**

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr. S. Umesh, S/o. Mr. Suryanarayana)

All that piece and parcel of the Site No.20, Assessment 4, Situated at Dasarahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Dasarahalli CMC Limits Ward No.11, presently coming under BBMP, Bangalore, measuring:- East to West 25 Feet, North to South 35 Feet in all measuring 875 Sq.Ft. together with building and bounded on:- East by - Site No.19, West by - Others' Property, North by - Road, South by - Siddaramaiah's Property.

Reserve Price : Rs.63,00,000/-
(Rupees Sixty Three Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
20-07-2023	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Vijay Nagar Branch, No.23/1, 17th Cross, M.C. Layout, Near Maruthi Mandir, Vijay Nagar, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka - 560040. Telephone No.080-23504001,Cell No.7483060906.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :
(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. (2) The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Vijay Nagar, 23/1, 17th Cross, M.C. Layout, Near Maruthi Mandir, Vijay Nagar, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka - 560040. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-23504001, Cell No.7483060906. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 28-06-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that my client, **Smt. Chandrakalavathi**, W/o. Ramachandra.N, Aged about 67 Years residing at No.556, Dharmashree, 6th Block, 2nd Phase, BSK 3rd Stage, SrividyaNagara, Bangalore-560085 is herewith purchasing the Schedule Property from **Sri.Y.Ramchandra Naidu**, S/o.Late Yellappa Naidu, Aged about 84 Years, residing at 102/2, 2nd Cross, Tata Silk Farm, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560004.

Any person/s having/asserting any right, title, interest, claim or intending to oppose the purchase in any manner may contact the undersigned and may offer their version, in writing within **twenty days** from the publication of this notice with relevant documents, failing which my client would proceed to complete the Sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

ITEM NO.1 : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Vacant Site No.618, situated at Banashankari 6th Stage, 5th Block, Bangalore, presently coming under BBMP jurisdiction measuring East to West: 15 meters and North to South 24 meters totally measuring 360 square meters together with all easements, water ways, hidden treasures etc and bounded on:

East by : Site No.617 ; West by : Site No.619 ;
North by : Road ; & South by : Site Nos.651 & 652;

ITEM NO.2 : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Vacant Site No.619, situated at Banashankari 6th Stage, 5th Block, Bangalore, presently coming under BBMP jurisdiction measuring East to West: 15 meters and North to South 24 meters totally measuring 360 square meters together with all easements, water ways, hidden treasures etc and bounded on:

East by : Site No.618 ; West by : Site No.620 ;
North by : Road ; & South by : Site Nos. 650 & 651;

Sanjay Kumar A, Advocate, **PSA Law Partners**
PSA House, No.47/1A, First Floor, 8th Main, 13th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560003, Ph: 9886254185

IN THE COURT OF THE IX ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE
P&SC No. 759 OF 2022 (CCH-05)
IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF LATE SRI GIRDHARLAL KEWALRAM JAISINGHANI, SON OF LATE KEWALRAM JAISINGHANI

BETWEEN: 1. SRI VINOD G NICHANI Son-in-law of Late Sri Girdharlal Kewalram Jaisinghani, Aged about 59 years, No. 302, Yasmin Heritage, 84 Vallabh Bhai Patel Road, Vile Parle (West), Mumbai – 400 056. **2. SMT MEERA G. JAISINGHANI** Widow of Late Sri Girdharlal Kewalram Jaisinghani Aged about 82 years Avanti, 1303, 9th Cross, 24th Main, J.P Nagar (1st Phase), Bangalore – 560 078. **3. SRI DILIP G. JAISINGHANI** Son of Late Sri Girdharlal Kewalram Jaisinghani Aged about 57 years Avanti, 1303, 9th Cross, 24th Main, J.P Nagar (1st Phase), Bangalore – 560 078. **4. SMT PRIYA V. NICHANI** Daughter of Late Sri Girdharlal Kewalram Jaisinghani Aged about 53 yearsNo. 302, Yasmin Heritage, 84 Vallabh Bhai Patel Road, Vile Parle (West), Mumbai – 400 056 ...PETITIONERS
AND: NIL ....RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the Petitioners above named have made an application under Sections 222 and 276 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 for grant of probate with respect to the Last Will & Testament dated 10.10.2016 (hereinafter referred to as '**Will**') executed by Late Sri Girdharlal Kewalram Jaisinghani, son of Late Sri Kewalram Jaisinghani (hereinafter referred to as '**Testator**'). The Testator died in Bangalore city on 29.07.2018. Be it known that no *caveat* has been lodged and the aforesaid petition is posted for hearing on **24.07.2023 at 11:00 am IST.** Any persons/s having objections to the grant of probate may appear on the given date and raise their objections failing which they will be declared *ex parte*, and the matter will proceed in accordance with the law.

SCHEDULE (IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

1. All land and construction on viz. Avanti, 1303, 9th Cross, 24th Main, J.P Nagar (1st Phase), Bangalore-560078, measuring East to West 48 feet, North to South 80 feet, bounded on: **East by:** Site No.1304, **North by:** Site No.1294, **West by:** BDA Site No.1302, **South by:** Road
2. Any other immovable property that is not mentioned within the Will and which Late Sri Girdharlal Kewalram Jaisinghani owned or became entitled to

MOVEABLE PROPERTY

Sl No	Particulars	Amount/Qty
1.	Fixed deposits in financial institutions/banks	INR. 92,25,000/-
2.	Savings bank accounts	INR 8,78,644/-
3.	Post Office savings accounts	INR 2,500/-
4.	Shares held in DEMAT account	INR 33,46,874/-
5.	Jewelry (five items)	INR 4,05,000/-

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this 12th day of June 2023.

Address for service
Advocate for Petitioners:
Keystone Partners,
Advocates and Solicitors
2nd Floor, 35/2, Cunningham Road, Bangalore – 560 052

By Order Of The Court, Assistant Registrar
City Civil Court, Bangalore

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

TENDER NOTICE

E-tender is **Re-invited** for the supply of following item.

1) 76721.

Note : For more details, log on to website https://mahatenders.gov.in

PRO/AAM(M)/47/2023 GENERAL MANAGER

The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd
(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking) Sankaramangalam, Kollam 691583
Phone: 0476-2651215 to 217 email: contact@kmml.com, URL: www.kmml.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

For more details please visit the E-Tendering Portal: https://etenders.kerala.gov.in or www.kmml.com

No	TENDER ID	ITEMS
1	2023_KMML_584222_1	AMC for Insulation Works in TP Unit (2023-2025)
2	2023_KMML_581525_1	For the supply of Self Aligning Bearing without Dust Cap and Lid
3	2023_KMML_582483_1	For the supply of Brick Acid Resistant for Digester-Silicon Carbide
4	2023_KMML_582320_1	For the supply of Brick Acid Resistant, Primer for Mastic & Mastic Acid Resistant in Solid State.
5	2023_KMML_583579_1	Repair Work of CMRS Building and Blow Pot Area in U 200
6	2023_KMML_584398_1	For Design, fabrication & supply of Secondary Spiral Classifier

Chavara 27.06.2023 Sd/- Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Govt of India Undertaking)
ARM Branch, Circle Office Building, Balmatta Road, Mangaluru-01. Ph: 0824-2440469, 2863367, e-mail: cb6296@canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE [section 13(4)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **02.08.2022** calling upon the **Borrower M/s. Bava Mines and Minerals, represented by Partners 1) Mrs. Nageena Moideen Bava,** W/o. B. Ahmed Mohiuddin Bava, **2) Mr. B. Ahmed Mohiuddian Bava alias Mohiuddin Bava,** S/o. Haji Baikampady M. Ahmed alias Ahmed Bava **and Guarantor Mr. B. M. Mumtaz Ali,** S/o. B. M. Ahmed Bava to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 14,81,59,282.87 (Rupees Fourteen Crore Eighty One Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Two and Paisa Eighty Seven Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower / mortgagor and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act, read with rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **28 th day of June of the year 2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs. 16,34,94,925.41 as on 29.05.2023 and further interest from 30.05.2023 and costs thereon.**

The borrower's/ mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE ASSETS

REM of all the piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Sy. No. 28 (old Sy. No. 09), measuring to an extent of 1 acre 20 guntas, converted for Non Agriculture Residential purpose situated at Manchenahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and **Bounded on :- North by:** Sy. No. 29's land **South by:** Sy. No. 27's Land, **East by:** Sy. No. 41's land, **West by:** Vasudevapura Village Gadi.

Name of the Title Holder: Mr. B. Ahmed Mohiuddin Bava alias Mohiuddin Bava.

Date: 28.06.2023 **Sd/-, Authorised Officer, Canara Bank,**
Place: Mangaluru **ARM Branch, Circle Office Building, Mangaluru.**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Govt of India Undertaking)
ARM Branch, Circle Office Building, Balmatta Road, Mangaluru-01. Ph: 0824-2440469, 2863367, e-mail: cb6296@canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE [section 13(4)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **02.08.2022** calling upon the **Borrower M/s. Bava Infrastructure Developers Pvt. Ltd., represented by Managing Director, Mr. Mehashoof Ahmed Bava,** S/o. B. Ahmed Mohiuddin Bava, **Director, Mrs. Nageena Moideen Bava,** W/o. B. Ahmed Mohiuddin Bava, **and Guarantors 1) Mr. B. Ahmed Mohiuddian Bava alias Mohiuddin Bava,** S/o. Haji Baikampady M. Ahmed alias Ahmed Bava, **2) Mrs. Zareena,** W/o. H. B. Mohammed, **3) Mrs. Riyana,** W/o. B. M. Mumtaz Ali, **4) Mr. B. M. Shoukath Ali,** S/o. Late Hajee Baikampady Mohammed Bava to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 41,58,35,046.97 (Rupees Forty One Crore Fifty Eight Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Forty Six and Paisa Ninety Seven Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower / mortgagor and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act, read with rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **28 th day of June of the year 2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs. 44,42,24,883.88 as on 04.05.2023 and further interest from 05.05.2023and costs thereon.**

The borrower's/ mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE ASSETS

REM of all the piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Sy. No. 28 (old Sy. No. 09), measuring to an extent of 1 acre 20 guntas, converted for Non Agriculture Residential purpose situated at Manchenahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and **Bounded on :- North by:** Sy. No. 29's land **South by:** Sy. No. 27's Land, **East by:** Sy. No. 41's land, **West by:** Vasudevapura Village Gadi.

Name of the Title Holder: Mr. B. Ahmed Mohiuddin Bava alias Mohiuddin Bava.

Date: 28.06.2023 **Sd/-, Authorised Officer, Canara Bank,**
Place: Mangaluru **ARM Branch, Circle Office Building, Mangaluru.**

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SHORT TERM PERCENTAGE TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement only)

1)EE/UTPDN/SMG/KNNL/PB-2/2023-24 T.N.NO.02/Dated: 27.06.2023.
2)EE/UTPDN/SMG/KNNL/PB-2/2023-24 T.N.NO.03/Dated: 27.06.2023.
3)EE/UTPDN/SMG/KNNL/PB-2/2023-24 T.N.NO.04/Dated: 27.06.2023.

On Behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru, the Under signed invites tender Through e-portal system from Eligible contractors for five (05) works coming under Head of Account 2701.

(1) Apprx. Amount put to tender as per estimation is from 7.95 lakhs to 96.63 lakhs (excluding GST). (2) Last date for questions/clarifications regarading the tender : **01.07.2023 upto 17.30 hrs.** (3) Date for Submission of filled tenders from **27.06.2023 to 05.07.2023 up to 17.30 hrs (During office Hours).**

Further details on date of opening the Tender/Detail of work E.M.D. Amount/Terms and Conditions of the tender/Class of Contractor, Etc, can be obtained in the Tender Notification or from the office of the Under signed during office hours or in website **Https:\\kppp.Karnataka.gov.in.** for further details the office of the Undersigned can be contacted during office hours on phone No 08182-254832.Information can be obtained through **https://kppp.Karnataka.gov.in/**

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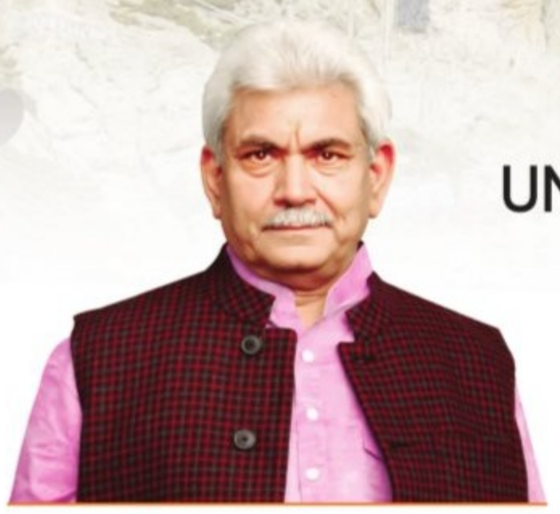
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL,U.T.P., Division, Shivamogga



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ALL YATRIS FOR

Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra -2023

Do's for the Yatris

- Every Yatri must collect his/her RFID Card from designated locations in J&K before embarking on the Yatra.
- It is mandatory for all Yatris to wear the RFID cards issued by SASB at all times during the Yatra.
- Yatris should wear comfortable clothes during the Yatra. Yatris are advised to wear trekking shoes.
- Yatris are advised to walk slowly while ascending and take time to acclimatize themselves.
- Yatris should drink adequate quantity of water to keep themselves hydrated.
- In case a Yatri is experiencing shortness of breath/ discomfort, he/ she must contact the nearest medical facility, and try to descend to lower altitude if possible.

Don'ts for the Yatris

- Yatris must avoid exerting themselves beyond their capacities and take frequent breaks and rests en-route.
- No Yatri shall be allowed to enter the Yatra area without RFID card.
- Yatris must avoid polluting the environment by littering waste material along the trekking route and surroundings.
- Yatris are advised not to commence journey empty stomach.
- Yatris must avoid drinking alcohol, caffeinated drinks and smoking.
- Yatris should not attempt to take any short cuts en-route and watch out for "danger zone" signages where they must move cautiously.

Wishing all a Happy and Safe Yatra

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Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy on Thursday alleged that the Union Government was creating obstacles to stop the State Government from implementing the five guarantees. The Centre has sufficient stock of rice, but they denied rice to Karnataka for the Anna Bhagya scheme, he said, adding that the State Government is commitment to implementing all the five guarantees

No bank details in BPL cards, tough for govt to send money

It may not be possible to implement scheme immediately: Food and Civil Supplies official

ASHWINI M SRIPAD
@ Bengaluru

WITH the state government deciding to give money instead of additional 5 kg of rice per beneficiary under the Anna Bhagya scheme from July 1, officials at the Department of Food and Civil Supplies seemed clueless as to how to deposit the money into the accounts of beneficiaries as their Below Poverty Line (BPL) cards do not have bank and PAN card details.

The Congress government, unable to procure required rice for the guarantee scheme promised before the Assembly polls, decided at its cabinet meeting on Wednesday that Rs 34 will be given instead of 1 kg of rice till the rice procurement issue is resolved. Under Anna Bhagya, each person is eligible for 5 kg of rice which means Rs 170 per month.

After the cabinet meeting, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said, "We had promised to give rice from July 1. We need 2.29 lakh metric tonnes of rice every month. But till we get the required quantity, we will pay Rs 170 per beneficiary per month."

The government needs Rs 750-800 crore per month to implement the scheme, covering over 85 lakh BPL card holders.

A senior department official told The New Indian Express that a BPL card has the name of the cardholder, names of the beneficiaries in the family, Aadhaar card number, address and other details. But it does not have the bank or PAN card details. "Neither do we have the data at the backend. We don't know how to release the money to beneficiaries. We are waiting for the government's order," he said.

Unlike the Gruha Jyothi or Gruha Lakshmi guarantee scheme, the state government has not initiated any application procedure for Anna Bhagya, nor is it developing any app, he said. "It may not be possible to send money immediately as linking BPL cards and account numbers is a huge task" he added.

M Suresh, who owns Shiv Traders at the APMC yard at Yeshwanthpur, said that no rice variety is available at Rs 34 per kg and prices range between Rs 50 and Rs 60 in the retail market. At the wholesale market, prices are around Rs 40 to Rs 50. "Rs 34 is the price fixed by the Food Corporation of India for the state government agencies to procure rice in bulk. But the common man will not get it at that price," he said.

People happy with move to give cash for rice: MB Patil

ENS @ Bengaluru

INDUSTRIES Minister MB Patil on Thursday hit out at the Opposition BJP for criticising the State Government's decision to give money instead of additional 5kg of rice under the Anna Bhagya scheme. "People are happy with the government's decision to give Rs 170 instead of rice as they can purchase rice, ragi, or jowar. But only BJP leaders, who were rejected by the people of the state, are complaining against it," Patil told the media.

BJP leaders, including its national general secretary CT Ravi, had suggested that the State Government should give money to people if it is unable to procure rice, Patil said, adding that now when the government decided to give money, the BJP was complaining about it. Patil said giving money instead of an additional 5kg of rice is a temporary arrangement till the government procures rice.

Patil said the government is committed to implementing all five guarantees and also probing alleged irregularities during the BJP rule. BJP leaders are talking against each other and there are over 20 groups within the party in the state and will not be possible for the party to unite them, he said.

STATE GOVT GIVES NOD TO PAY PENDING BILLS WITH CONSENT OF MINISTERS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE State Government has given its nod to restart development works and to honour tenders that were floated during the previous Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government and had stopped after Congress came to power after the May 10 Assembly elections.

According to a government order (GO), pending bills and work orders can be reviewed and funds released after getting the approval of ministers concerned.

The circular, issued by Finance Department Secretary Ekroop Kaur, directed all heads of departments, including corporations, boards and authorities, to review the bills and to clear them only after getting the nod from ministers. The officials have been told not to release any amounts without the approval of the ministers. However, statutory payments should be released.

The circular directed the authorities to release funds or their share to projects that are undertaken with the help of external agencies. They have also been told to release the Goods and Service Tax (GST) component of the ongoing works.

The circular has been sent to all additional secretaries, principal secretaries, secretary, Commissioner of Treasury Department, heads of all the departments, various Corporations, boards and authorities, chief executive Officers and chief finance officers of zilla panchayats, additional, joint and deputy secretaries of the Finance Department.

On May 22, 2023, just a couple of days after Siddaramiah took oath as chief minister, his office had ordered departments, corporations, boards and authorities to immediately stop payments to all projects taken up by the previous BJP government. It had also said that works that had not started should not be launched.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at the Chamarajpet Idgah Maidan after attending the prayers on Bakrid in Bengaluru on Thursday. Minister BZ Zameer Ahmed (right) looks on | EXPRESS

People should love, trust each other, says Siddu

BENGALURU: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday said there is a need to create an environment for people to live with love and trust as many forces try to create differences among people. "There are many forces that create hatred among us. Those forces do this on purpose. We should not give any importance to them. We have to create an environment where people can live with love and trust," he said after attending the prayers at Idgah Maidan in Chamarajpet in Bengaluru on the occasion of Bakrid. The Chief Minister further said that everyone should live with mutual love and trust. "We all belong to different religions and castes but we are all human beings," he added. **ENS**

Ex-ED officer Sudham's nomination contentious issue for state Congress

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

THE ruling Congress has finalised three prominent personalities to be nominated as MLCs. However, it is yet to make an announcement in this regard because of the delay in getting clearance for the nomination of former Enforcement Directorate officer HP Sudham Das.

Das joined Congress ahead of the May10 Assembly elections and leaders within the party have opposed his nomination and have raised the matter even with the central leaders, including AICC general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal.

Some leaders from Das' SC (Left) community, including former minister H Anjaneya, a staunch follower of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, have opposed his nomination.

This MLC post has become a contentious issue for supporters of Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar.

Das hails from a family with political background. His father H Puttadasa was a two-time MLA (1967 and 1972) from the erstwhile Sathanur assembly constituency which was merged with Kanakapura after the delimitation. Shivakumar brought Das to the party with a promise of making him MLC and he has been batting for the same with the high command, according to sources.

Das, an Indian Revenue Service Officer, who took VRS to join Congress, was ED deputy director in-charge of Karnataka and Kerala."My father was KPCC secretary. I too helped the party get votes of SC (Left) community which was in favour of BJP in the May 10 assembly elections," Das told *The New Indian Express*.

If Das misses the bus, SC (Left) leaders want the MLC post to be given to a member of their community.

Noted activist Ambanna Arolikar from Raichur, who was a RSS and BJP sympathiser for some years and joined the Congress just before the polls, and industrialist DT Venkatesh, who has the backing of Home Minister G Parameshwara, are in the race.

Meanwhile, Vokkaliga leaders BL Shankar, Rajeev Gowda, KPCC spokesperson Nataraj Gowda and former head of NRI cell Arati Krishna are also lobbying for the MLC post.Some BC leaders are also in the race hoping that Siddaramaiah would back them.

Three MLC posts fell vacant as the terms of PR Ramesh, a Backward Class leader, and Kondajji Mohan, a Lingayat, ended on May 17 and Vokkaliga leader CM Lingappa's on June 8.

Former minister MR Seetharam and former union minister K Rahman Khan's son Mansur Ali Khan have been cleared by the party's high command for two MLC posts.

The syllabus of the course will be framed keeping in mind the requirements of politicians, their support staff, social workers, and government employees

UT Khader, Speaker

Institute to train aspiring politicians in Karnataka soon, says Speaker

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mangaluru

ASSEMBLY Speaker UT Khader on Thursday said that an institute would soon be set up in Karnataka to train aspiring politicians. Addressing the media here, Khader said that the Political Training Institute of Karnataka will offer a one-year course for degree holders.

Unlike medical, engineering and law colleges that train aspiring doctors, engineers and lawyers, respectively, there is no institute to train aspiring politicians. While they will have theory classes for six months, the remaining six months will be practical classes which will also include an internship. The syllabus of the course will be framed keeping in mind the requirements of politicians, their support staff, social workers, and government employees.

The Speaker stated that the syllabus will be prepared in consultation with the School of Government, a private institute in Pune.

Khader also assured that the institute will be set up at a suitable location at the earliest with full-time teaching faculty.

The training programme organised for first-time legislators recently on the outskirts of Bengaluru was successful and the result will be known during the upcoming Budget session, he added.

He further said that when he fist became an MLA, he was unaware of the functioning of the legislature, and was patiently guided by the late R Dhruvanarayan, also a legislator. Thus, the training session will prove to be useful for all the first-time legislators, Khader concluded.

DKS discusses Mekedatu with Jal Shakti minister

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar greets Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in New Delhi on Thursday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who is on a two-day visit to New Delhi, called on Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat at the latter's official residence on Thursday evening. Though it was a courtesy call, Shivakumar who holds the water resources portfolio took up issues related to water projects concerning the state, including the Mekedatu balancing reservoir project, sources said.

"I will reveal details of the meeting on Friday morning," Shivakumar said before meeting Shekhawat.

Earlier in the day, Shivakumar attended to his personal issues and called on former attorney general Mukul Rohatgi, who was Shivakumar's counsel in a money laundering case filed by the Enforcement Directorate. On Friday, he is likely to meet more Union ministers and also Congress high command leaders. Shivakumar said he does not care about the criticism of some BJP leaders over his visit to former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai's residence recently. "I met HD Devegowda, SM Krishna and Jagadish Shettar and sought an appointment with DV Sadananda Gowda," he said.

There is nothing wrong in meeting veteran leaders from opposition parties to seek their advice as politics during elections is different from politics aimed at the development of the state, he added.

On Anna Bhagya, he said, "We are giving money against rice to keep our promise. It is for the time being as there is a plan to procure rice for Anna Bhagya within the state."

OPPN UNITY

B'luru meet will energise the entire Opposition

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KPCC president DK Shivakumar was in New Delhi a few days ago and it is reliably learnt that details of the venue and the meeting were discussed with the central leaders of the party. Home Minister G Parameshwara said, "The state unit of the party is strong and well equipped to hold such an important meeting."

Samajwadi Party leader and Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal said, "Bengaluru is the right place for the second proposed meeting. This is where the corruption of BJP was exposed. The meeting in Bengaluru will energise the entire opposition and show that the defeat of BJP in Karnataka is replicated nationally."

The leaders of 16 political parties met in Patna about a week ago and BJP party president JP Nadda had said, "The Opposition parties' meeting in Patna only shows their desperation to defeat BJP. The leaders, who once fought against Congress, are now welcoming it in an attempt to assume power."It may be recalled that JDS, which had hosted opposition leaders when HD Kumaraswamy was sworn as chief minister in 2018, was not a party to the meeting in Patna. Sources said despite its strong presence in Karnataka, JDS might be the most important absentee.

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Kapil Sibal, Samajwadi Party leader

BJP notice to Renukacharya for 'anti-party' statements within hours

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

BJP on Thursday served a notice to former Honnali MLA MP Renukacharya for speaking against the party recently.

The statements of Renukacharya, who is considered close to former chief minister BS Yediyurappa, further fanned speculation that the party is sharply divided between loyalists of party national general secretary (Organisation) BL Santhosh and Yediyurappa loyalists.

Renukacharya has to respond within seven days. He told *The New Indian Express*, "As a loyal party worker, I will respond to the notice. I have not said anything false or malicious against the party. I only want BJP and PM Narendra Modi to continue in power. These people who served me the notice don't want to win the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, but want to destroy the party and run it aground."

Expressing his frustration against his partymen, he had lashed out at BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel, former CM Basavaraj Bommai and others. He was served the party notice within hours of his statement,

He had said those who cannot win a panchayat election are controlling the affairs of the party. "BJP had suffered a reverse in the assembly elections." He had demanded that state party chief Nalinkumar Kateel step down after taking responsibility for the defeat. He had said Bommai had gone only to the house of former minister Dr K Sudhakar instead of going to the houses of all the defeated MLAs and ministers."

The notice stated, "In spite of telling you not to make public statements you have been making statements against state and national leaders in front of the media in a way that would cause embarrassment to the party." While there is concern among certain Lingayat groups that Yediyurappa is being targeted, Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha secretary Renuka Prasanna said, "If our leaders are subjected to unjust treatment, we will respond."

Political analyst BS Murthy said, "The cracks within the party are wide open and the knives are out."

Lingayat leaders said, "There are many motor mouths within BJP who have been freely issuing statements against CTRavi, Prathap Simha and Sunil Kumar, buy they don't attract any disciplinary action. Only the statements of a professed Yediyurappa loyalist invites sharp reaction."

Guntur police rescued a woman, who had sent an SOS message through Disha app, and arrested a person for allegedly blackmailing her with morphed photos on Thursday. According to police, Praveen from Pedanandipadu had been in a relationship with the woman. After they broke up, Praveen allegedly started blackmailing her by morphing her photos

PM's UCC push will trigger religious violence: Stalin

It's Modi's tactic to disrupt law and order, aimed at 2024 LS polls: TN CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

TAMIL NADU Chief Minister MK Stalin lashed out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying he is plotting a BJP win in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections by advocating implementation of Uniform Civil Code in the country.

"Modi's speech is aimed at disrupting law and order and inciting religious violence in the country. Our PM Modi says there shouldn't be two types of law in one country. Hence, he thinks that he can create a religious clash and create commotion in the country and win (in the upcoming elections)," Stalin said. Claiming that Modi is exploiting communal issues by advocating the implementation of UCC, Stalin said he is optimistic that his (Modi's) divisive tactics based on religion will not succeed, as the people have already decided to send the BJP out.

Referring to Modi's recent remarks against the DMK, where he accused the party of indulging in dynasty politics, Stalin thanked the PM for his comments, and emphasised that the DMK functions like a family, "both in terms of party activities and during protests".

On PM's statement that only Karunanidhi family would grow if people vote for DMK, Stalin asserted that the entire Tamil Nadu and its people are the true family of the late DMK patriarch.

Stalin further said there is a sense of fear in the BJP-led Union Government following a meeting of opposition parties in Patna on June 23, and it has prompted Modi to speak about DMK.

He criticised the alleged lethargic attitude of the BJP government in taking steps to restore normalcy in riot-hit Manipur. "Despite Manipur being affected by riots for the past 50 days, Modi did not visit there, and the union home minister called for an all-party meeting only after 50 days of unrest," Stalin added.

2 TS BJP MPs may find place in Modi cabinet

Names of Suresh Gopi, 'Metroman' doing rounds

T'Puram: Amid reports of a Union cabinet reshuffle, the names of actor Suresh Gopi and 'Metroman' Sreedharan have popped up as candidates for a likely berth. Even as sources refused to confirm media reports, speculation is rife that the two are under active consideration of party's national leadership. Sources said if Gopi wins and BJP comes to power he will be inducted into the cabinet.

IREDDY SRINIVAS REDDY
@ Hyderabad

AFTER the meeting of senior BJP leaders with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday night at Delhi on organisational changes to be made in the party and in the government in view of the fast-approaching elections to five States including Telangana, there is a buzz in the political circles that one or two MPs from Telangana might be taken into the central cabinet.

At the high-level meeting, attended by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, party president JP Nadda and party general secretary BL Santhosh, a serious exercise is understood to have taken place to make the party strong in the poll-bound States to prevent a repeat of the Karnataka disaster.

The other states going for Assembly elections are Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Mizoram between November 2023 and January 2024.

With clear signals emanating from Delhi that the Prime Minister will take a few MPs into his cabinet from these States, the leaders in Telangana too have begun calculating their chances.

According to sources, the front runners are MPs Soyam Bapu Rao (Adilabad) and Dharmapuri Arvind (Nizamabad). The Adilabad MP who is an ST seems to have brighter chances of making it to the cabinet in view of the BJP's thrust on empowering tribals.

But Arvind too is trying to get into the central cabinet since he stood as a giant killer in 2019 Lok Sabah elections by defeating BRS chief and Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao's daughter K Kavitha in the poll for the Nizamabad Lok Sabha seat.

In case the party leadership decides on changing the guard of the party Telangana unit, then the prime minister might take incumbent president Bandi Sanjay Kumar into the cabinet as he too has the credit of defeating CM's relative and senior leader Boinpalli Vinod Kumar in Karimnagar.

But sources said a change of guard is highly unlikely as any change in the leadership on the eve of elections would send wrong signals and might prove counter-productive.

Then, Rajya Sabha member Dr K Laxman has also pinned his hopes on a berth in the cabinet. In fact, he expected that he would be given post of governor of one of the State, in the first innings of Prime Minister Narendra Modi (2014-19) but could only make it to Rajya Sabha in Modi's second innings (2019-2024). He expects to be taken as Minister of State or a minister with independent charge.

EXPRESS READ

Subroto Bagchi quits as OSDA chairman

BHUBANESWAR: Seven years after he took on the mantle of building a world-class skills ecosystem for the state's youth, renowned tech entrepreneur and philanthropist Subroto Bagchi on Thursday stepped down as chairman of Odisha Skill Development Authority citing personal reasons. Bagchi had helmed OSDA and harmonise various skill initiatives of the state government with an aim to create employable skills for 1.5 million youth by 2024. It was a full-time assignment in the rank of a cabinet minister. Bagchi announced his decision to step down through a social media post **ENS**

Chidambaram temple row: Plea filed in HC

CHENNAI: As a row erupted over devotees offering prayers by climbing onto the Kanakasabai at the Nataraja Temple in Chidambaram, a petition has been filed in the Madras HC seeking to stay the operation of a 2022 order passed by the state government granting general permission for devotees to climb up the Kanakasabai. Temple activist TR Ramesh filed the petition saying that around 4,000 devotees visit the temple daily, and during the weekends the footfall is between 10,000 and 30,000. Only 7 to 10 devotees can have darshan at a time. It would be difficult to accommodate 300 to 500 devotees, he said. **ENS**

MAN REFUSES TO PAY MORE FOR AUTO RIDE, GETS BEATEN UP

PRAVEEN KUMAR @ Bengaluru

A 32-year-old designer from Mumbai working for a fintech company here was assaulted by a group of six autorickshaw drivers, after he refused to pay more than the actual fare.

The victim has been identified as Saron Silvister Wilson Moses, who hails from Mumbai, and has been residing in Marathahalli for the last two years.

The incident happened between 1.30 am and 2 am on Sunday. Moses had booked an auto, driven by 35-year-old HM Dhananjaya, through an app, from Varthur to Marathahalli.

After stopping the auto opposite the Bata showroom on the Outer Ring Road in Marathahalli, Dhananjaya allegedly demanded that he pay Rs 700. Moses agreed only to pay the amount which showed in the app. Frustrated over this, the driver allegedly picked up a fight, and was joined by five other auto drivers. All of them allegedly started assaulting him with a blunt weapon.

After the victim started bleeding from the head, the accused escaped without even taking the actual charge. Moses was treated in Manipal Hospital, where received 17 stitches on his head.

He filed a complaint in the Marathahalli police station, providing details of the auto registration number since it was an app-based booking. Based on the registration details, the police managed to arrest the accused auto driver. The search is on for the others.

> There were six auto drivers who assaulted me with some iron object. After they fled, I somehow managed to reach home in the night. I have got 17 stitches on my head
>
> Saron Silvister Wilson Moses

Moses told *TNIE* that he was returning after dropping his colleague. "There were six auto drivers who assaulted me with some iron object. After they fled, I somehow managed to reach home in the night. I could not get any support from some people were watching. I then called my cousin, who took me to hospital. I have got 17 stitches on my head and am still recovering. I have not got any updates from the police," he added.

Moses first dropped his female colleague at Haralur, before continuing to Marathahalli.

"There was an argument between over the auto fare. The auto driver has been arrested. We are gathering information about the other auto drivers," said an officer.

WAVES OF FRESH AIR

As monsoon picks up pace after a lull, people enjoy their time at Someshwara beach near Mangaluru on Thursdayy | KPN

Mystery shrouds B'gavi tahsildar's death

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

ASHOK Mannikeri (47), a Grade 2 tahsildar working at the assistant commissioner's (Revenue) office, was found dead under suspicious circumstances at his residence at Kali Ambrai in Belagavi on Thursday.

While his wife claimed that he died after suffering a severe cardiac arrest, his sister filed a police complaint alleging that he had been murdered.

Mannikeri was supposed to join duty as officer on special duty at the office of Women and Child Welfare Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar shortly.

It is said that he had slept late after having dinner on Wednesday. He suffered a cardiac arrest around 2.30 am and was shifted to a private hospital immediately. But he died while undergoing treatment.

Mannikeri is survived by his wife Bhoomi and daughters Pavitra and Parineeti. Mannikeri married Bhoomi with whom he had an affair. His parents were against this as Bhoomi belonged to another caste.

It is learnt that the couple used to fight over money matters. Mannikeri did not go home for the past 15 days and was living with his friends. He went home on Wednesday and a fight broke out between the two.

Meanwhile, Mannikeri's sister Girija Mannikeri filed a complaint at Camp Police Station alleging that her brother died under suspicious circumstances and sought an inquiry. When Bhoomi and her brother Samuel visited the police station, Mannikeri's relatives and friends assaulted Samuel. They accused him of torturing Mannikeri.

Later, when Bhoomi went to the crematorium, she was forced to leave. ACP NV Barmani said, "A case of suspicious death has been registered."

'Balaji's post could hamper investigation'

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EARLIER, a release from Raj Bhavan said Balaji is facing serious criminal proceedings in a number of cases of corruption, including cash for jobs and money laundering. It also charged that Balaji, abusing his position as minister, has been "influencing investigation" and obstructing the due process of law and justice.

"Currently, he is under judicial custody in a criminal case being investigated by the Enforcement Directorate. Some more criminal cases against him under the Prevention of Corruption Act and the IPC are being investigated by the state police," the release said.

The release said there are reasonable apprehensions that the continuation of Balaji in the council of ministers would adversely impact the due process of law, including a fair investigation, which might eventually lead to a breakdown of the constitutional machinery in the state. "Under these circumstances, the governor has dismissed Balaji from the council of ministers with immediate effect," the statement said.

Significantly, the governor dismissed Balaji three days after the Madras High Court refused to pass any order on petitions which sought his removal from the cabinet. The HC refused to pass any order without strong evidence to show that the government had directed the minister to quit.

On May 31, Ravi wrote to Stalin advising him to drop Balaji from the cabinet citing the SC's directive to continue investigation into the charges against him. However, Stalin refused to accept this and recommended that portfolios of Balaji be reallocated to Thangam Thennarasu and S Muthusamy and that he would continue as minister without a portfolio until he recovers from his illness.

On June 16, the governor approved the reallocation of portfolios held by Balaji. But said he has not agreed to Balaji continuing as minister since he is facing interrogation by the ED. However, within a few hours, the state government passed a GO reallocating the portfolios of Balaji and that he would continue as minister without portfolio.

500-year-old Misri Palli mosque then built for Egyptians

Misri Palli— Kerala's resistance to Portuguese

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THE historic town of Ponnani in Malappuram is renowned for its rich cultural diversity, maritime trade legacy, and its status as a hub of Islamic education and spirituality. Home to landmarks like the Ponnani Juma Masjid and Thrikkavu Durga Bhagavathi temple, Ponnani is a favourite of hundreds of tourists.

In this town lies a monument that serves as a symbol of the alliance forged by the Zamorin, Egyptian military and Kunjali Marakkar I to repel invading Portuguese forces.

The Misri Palli mosque, built over 500 years ago in the 16th century, was opened to the public recently after an extensive renovation spanning a little over two years and costing ₹85.5 lakh.

"The Misri Palli was built for Navy officials or people who arrived at Ponnani from Egypt. Before the arrival of Vasco da Gama to Kerala, Hindus and Muslims lived in harmony in Malabar under the Zamorin's rule. However, the Portuguese, aiming to expand their influence, sought to disrupt this brotherhood," said T V Abdurahman Kutty, a historian in Ponnani.

Misr is Arabic for Egypt, said Abdurahman, adding, "So, people call the mosque used by Egyptians as Misri Palli.

Family of three from Goa die by suicide

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Karwar

A family of three from Goa has allegedly ended their lives due to debt, two 'jumping' into the Kali estuary here and one hanging himself in Goa. It all started after locals found the body of a 12-year-old boy at Devbagh Island near Karwar on Wednesday.

The police later found the body of a 37-year-old woman from the same spot. The police found that the woman was the mother of the boy who was identified as Daksh Patel.

The woman Jyothi Patil was a resident of Goa. Later, the police here was told by Goa police that Jyothi's husband Shyam Patil had hanged himself in a Goa forest on Wednesday. It was suspected that Shyam might have pushed his wife to death and thrown his son into the sea before killing himself. The police suspect that he was in deep debt. In a death note, he has also blamed a few people for his death who had borrowed money from him.

TDP worker falls into boiling sambar pot, dies

GUNTUR: In a shocking incident, a TDP worker died after accidentally slipped and fell into a hot sambar pot in Brahmanapalli village in Piduguralla, Palnadu on Thursday. According to the officials, the deceased was identified as Koteswar Rao. As part of TDP's Bhavishyathuku Guarantee, Palnadu TDP leaders launched the bus yatra from Julakallu in Piduguralla on Wednesday. On Thursday, the bus yatra reached Brahmanapalli. On this occasion, a meeting was arranged at Brahmanapalli, where lunch was distributed to the workers. While inspecting the preparations, due to the heavy crowd, Koteswar Rao allegedly slipped and fell into a large boiling sambar pot and suffered severe injuries. The others who observed this, immediately rescued him and rushed him to the hospital. Koteswar Rao succumbed to injuries while receiving treatment. The local TDP leaders assured Rao's kin the party would provide the required assistance to them. **ENS**

SAVING HERITAGE

Task force in the pipeline to check illegal resorts in Hampi

AMIT S UPADHYE @ Hubballi

AFTER coming down heavily on illegal resorts and hotels in and around Hampi, authorities are planning to constitute a task force to check irregularities in the hospitality sector. The task force will have its own dedicated helpline to receive information on any illegal constructions.

The authorities, over the last two years, have demolished 30 structures on Virupura Gaddi island and nearly 70 hotels, resorts and restaurants in Koppal and Vijayanagara districts.

Officials said that a few resort owners construct temporary structures despite the demolition drives. Two such cases — where after demolition, the owners converted little areas of their homes into rooms to rent them out to foreign travellers charging excess money — were found.

"The task force will keep a check on such activities and also discourage people from constructing new structures in the Hampi heritage area and its buffer zone. An alternative site in Koppal district has already been chosen to accommodate resorts and hotels that were demolished recently," said an official.

A structure being demolished at Sanapur recently | EXPRESS

Resort owners, meanwhile, are calling for a positive solution to run their business. They demand that the authorities adopt the Goa model where temporary shacks are allowed to be built and rented out during a particular season. Heritage experts and local organisations are calling for the implementation of the Hampi Master Plan which has been pending for many years.

"It is really sad that on one hand, we have pressure from more tourists, while on the other, the government is taking up demolition which is against the interest of the community. The removal of structures is not the solution. The authorities must come up with some policy," demanded a resort owner.

"The community is part of the site and we are not criminals. We are trying to make a living here. We understand the legality... it's not not something that we cannot solve. There has to be some mercy, understanding. We need to define the meaning of heritage as big resorts and buildings are coming up and little huts are being demolished. People cannot live in constant fear of what will happen to their business tomorrow," said another resort owner from Sanapur in Koppal.

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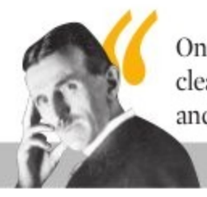

One must be sane to think clearly, but one can think deeply and be quite insane

Nikola Tesla

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— Ramnath Goenka

HIJAB ALTERNATIVE IN OPERATION THEATRE MAY SET BAD PRECEDENT

Some women students of Government Medical College in Thiruvananthapuram have sought permission to wear attire in line with their religious dress code inside operation theatres. The seven Muslim students, belonging to different batches, want to be allowed to wear long-sleeve scrub jackets and surgical hoods. As per the protocol in practice, medical students have to wear short-sleeve shirts and pants in OTs. In a letter to the college principal, they said wearing the hijab is compulsory for Muslim women. They said they have difficulty complying with their religious beliefs while following hospital and operation theatre regulations. The unusual demand has triggered a debate, and the college has formed a committee of experts to examine the request.

The demand, if allowed, could set a dangerous precedent. Already, surgeons and medical experts have strongly opposed the idea of changing the dress code and making exceptions for a few students. They say any breach in the infection-control protocol followed in hospitals, specifically operation theatres, would compromise patients' safety. According to them, wearing full sleeves is banned because doctors must wash their hands thoroughly up to the elbow before surgery, and everyone in the theatre is part of the surgery in some way or the other; hence, all, from attendants to doctors, must follow the protocol.

The OT dress code followed by hospitals in India is adhered to globally and is part of the infection-control protocol that has evolved over time. Change, if any, can be made only for the safety and well-being of patients and not for any other reason. Even from students' point of view, joining an institution or course by default requires them to follow the existing rules and regulations, and seeking exemptions is not the right thing to do. Medical students, especially, should understand that the sterile room is not just a concept but an absolute necessity in the profession they are training to be a part of. Article 25 of the Constitution guarantees the freedom to profess, practice, and propagate religion to all citizens, but this freedom is subject to public order, health, and morality. While the students certainly have the right to adhere to the religious dress code, it must not in any way put the patients in danger. Besides, religion is best kept away from the corridors of healthcare facilities, for practices and customs not in tune with the modern world could fall foul of contemporary medicine.

India has been blessed with a demographic dividend. The nation has a dynamic young population that is brimming with vigour, enthusiasm and ambition

INDIAN ECONOMY: AN INDUSTRIALIST'S PERSPECTIVE

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The recessionary headwinds blowing worldwide may impact some of India's potential. Still, according to the latest estimates put out by the Economic Survey, our economy has already exhibited a robust growth rate of 7% in FY 22–23. According to the IMF, it is expected to grow at nearly 6% in FY 24. On their own, the numbers paint a picture of slowing growth. However, if put in the right context, with global growth slowing to a crawl, the numbers underline the Indian economy's resilience.

India's economy has historically been good at weathering the worst of the world's financial crises, such as the 2008 global financial crisis, the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression that decimated the world's economy. That is because there has always been a degree of decoupling that has acted as a cushion and protected our economy against the worst resultant fallout. But decoupling alone cannot explain our economy's current resilience. Our economic system is now more tightly interwoven with the world economic order than ever before. A big part of the reason I am optimistic about our fortunes is the strong foundation the government is laying down on which we are building our economic destiny.

Over the past ten years, besides a substantial boost to infrastructure spending, many reforms have paved the way for India's rise. Interventions like the Jan Dhan accounts, Skill India, the implementation of GST, the digital payments network, the launch of ONDC and so on have been game changers, significantly aiding India's capability. Key reforms like PLI, Make in India, and improvements to core infrastructure like ports and airports have also raised India's equity and capability. Take manufacturing, for example—a commitment to local sourcing of components has become an almost universal condition for foreign businesses to be given concessions to operate here, be they Tesla, Apple or other major equipment makers. Apple is expected to manufacture a large part of its global iPhone supply in India by 2027.

India's economy has three main levers—agriculture, manufacturing and services. These three have a share of roughly 18%, 16% and 55%. While agriculture does have immense potential, it is a longer-term play. The services sector in India has grown rapidly over the past two decades. However, it is the manufacturing sector that holds the greatest promise both in terms of GDP and also in terms of immediacy. Indian manufacturing has undergone several evolutionary steps since Independence, from laying down our industrial foundation to the License Raj era to the post-liberalisation boom. Automotive, engineering, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, and consumer durables have traditionally been the key drivers of the sector's growth. Going forward, India aims to become a global powerhouse for manufacturing everything from electronics, batteries and semiconductors to defence equipment and aircraft.

The government is making significant efforts to lay down the foundations. For instance, defence contracts contain clauses that require bidding companies to manufacture equipment, from fighter jets to weapons systems, locally. Even major aircraft manufacturers like Boeing and Airbus are being called upon to build their jetliners locally in India. These steps and many more are being taken to steer us towards achieving the government's target to grow manufacturing from 16–17% of the GDP to 25% by 2025. But to get there, India will have to bolster its infrastructure significantly, streamline the regulatory environment, embrace the power of Industry 4.0 and further the ease of doing business.

But most importantly, we must harness the power of our people. India has been blessed with a demographic dividend. We have a dynamic young population brimming with vigour, enthusiasm and ambition. That makes our people our biggest asset and the ticket to our economic ambitions. The median age of our population is 28 years, according to the United Nations' World Population Prospects, and this young population, if equipped with the right skills, can turbocharge our economic growth further.

India's entrepreneurial spirit is also being unleashed, giving the country's youth the skills to realise their new-age business ideas. This complements the government's focus on nurturing startups, empowering entrepreneurs living in our country's farthest-flung corners and fuelling their ideas and dreams. India had 84,012 startup companies in 2022, up from just 452 in 2016, according to the Economic Survey 2022–23. These startups created over 9,00,000 direct jobs; nearly half were founded in our smaller towns.

But these are only the internal drivers of our economic resilience. Another reason for optimism is the evolving geopolitical scenario that has placed India at the centre of a new multipolar world. For much of our independent history, the world was run by a bipolar order dominated, on the one hand, by the American-led West against the Soviet bloc. China replaced the USSR as the second pole in this bipolar order. Having served as the factory to the world for the last few decades, China is now stepping up its political ambitions, fraying the already-uneasy relations between China and the West further.

India, by its unique geopolitical and economic positioning, offers options to the West as a manufacturing counterbalance and a political axis on which to exercise its regional influence. India has also taken the mantle as the voice of the Global South. Confident, proud and assertive, the new India stands in marked contrast to the India that was dictated to by global powers. These factors and our English-speaking proficiency mean we are emerging as a real alternative to China. Companies worldwide are turning to what has commonly become known as the China+1 strategy, the 1 being India, diversifying operations away from our neighbour.

Certainly, there are challenges that we need to navigate if we are to fulfil our economic potential. We need to lift our population out of poverty, continuously skill our youth, boost the participation of women in our workforce, be a sustainability leader, drive innovation, and raise the quality of our civic services like healthcare and so on. But there's no denying that we sit astride a confluence of forces that seem to be working in tandem to propel us to unprecedented economic heights. That's why I'm bullish on India's future and the future of our economy. The optimism is real, and it's palpable.

PODU LAND FOR TRIBALS A SENSITIVE AFFAIR

On Friday, the Telangana government will distribute title deeds to 1.5 lakh tribals for podu lands covering over four lakh acres of forest area. For decades, tribals and even non-tribals have been encroaching upon the forests—shifting cultivation from one land parcel to the other season to season. The government has received close to four lakh claims over 12 lakh acres of forest land. From this alone, one can imagine how much of the forest cover has been denuded. However, it is a highly sensitive issue as lakhs of families depend on forest land cultivation, irrespective of the legal status.

Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao had promised during his first stint in power to confer legal rights on tribals over podu lands. It has taken a long time for obvious reasons. As per the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, legal rights can be granted only to tribals cultivating forest land before December 13, 2005. It seems the government will grant the rights as per the RoFR Act. The state cannot give ownership to the tribals occupying forest land after the cut-off date as the issue then falls under the Centre's domain. Telangana should not go beyond and promise to pressure the Centre to legalise the rest of the unauthorised cultivation. In any case, when climate change increasingly casts its long shadow, it is unlikely that the Centre will tinker with the Act and open Pandora's Box. This begs the question of why KCR is going ahead at this juncture. It appears he has an eye on the upcoming elections. He has also decided to extend the Rythu Bandhu (investment subsidy) scheme to the beneficiaries, perhaps to blunt the opposition onslaught.

To be fair to the government, it has paid special attention to increasing green cover through the Haritha Haram programme. According to the India State of Forest Report, Telangana's forest cover increased from 19,854 sq km in 2015 to 21,214 sq km in 2021. This is good, but the devil is in the details. For instance, the Kawal Tiger Reserve forest area shrank by 5%. As per studies, forests absorb 7.6 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide annually. As such, we cannot afford deforestation as it worsens climate change and increases man-animal conflict. The tribals must be provided with alternative means of livelihood, and migrations from bordering areas must stop to prevent the loss of forest cover.

QUICK TAKE

SAVE OUR STUDENTS

Fifteen students died by suicide in Kota in six months this year. Focusing on less stressful coaching regimes there is no answer. The point the National Curriculum Framework must appreciate is that students are getting alienated from the education process. High school years are when students should get into the groove to prepare for competitive exams, aided by practical or activity-based education. That's not happening—shrinking opportunities in a rising economy and with rising aspirations pit students against a punishing competitive exam system. TV advertisements of energy drinks promoting wellness in Kota amid a spate of suicides are the ultimate irony.

'GREATER MIZORAM' MAY RESURFACE POST-MANIPUR RIOTS

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The demand for a separate tribal state by Kuki tribespeople in Manipur, which has surfaced after the deadly riots in the state, may soon take a new turn.

The Kukis are ethnic cousins of the Mizos and the Chins of Myanmar, and have been accused after the riots of encouraging substantial illegal migration of the Chins into the state, and for the large-scale cultivation of poppy. The latter has been encouraged by Burmese drug lords seeking to produce in India for the Indian market.

The Meiteis, who have been the ruling race of Manipur and constitute just over 50% of the state's population, have long complained of a lack of living space in the Imphal Valley and opposed the grant of autonomy under the Sixth Schedule to the Kukis and Nagas, the two tribal communities who make up more than 40% of Manipur's population.

Now the violence has led to fresh demands for a separate Kuki state, but there are already indications that this may turn into a demand for 'Greater Mizoram', something which groups in Mizoram, including the now ruling Mizo National Front (MNF), have raised in the past.

Like the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) raised the demand for "Greater Nagalim" by integrating all Naga-inhabited territories of India and Myanmar with the Indian state of Nagaland, the MNF and groups backing it had wanted a "Greater Mizoram" by integrating all Kuki- and Chin-inhabited areas with the Indian state of Mizoram—because the Kukis, Chins and Mizos (also called Lushais) are part of the same Zomi tribe.

After the present round of violence and state repression against the Kukis in Manipur, many Mizo politicians have publicly articulated that the Kuki areas of southern Manipur should be integrated with Mizoram since the Kukis can "no longer live with safety and dignity in Manipur".

The Mizoram politicians, including Chief Minister Zoramthanga, have been critical of the violence against Kukis and discrimination against them by Manipur's Meitei-dominated administration.

Sources in the Mizo National Front suggest the demand for integration of the Kuki areas of Manipur with Mizoram is gaining ground within the party.

When the MNF returned to the national mainstream after the 1986 Mizo Accord, it went quiet on the "Greater Mizoram" demand.

During its rebellious days, the MNF had set up bases in the Mizo-Kuki areas of these neighbouring states and the Zomi and Chin areas of Myanmar to fight the Indian military. The Zomis and Chins, like the Kukis, are also ethnic cousins of the Mizos, which is a generic identity built around the big Lushai tribe.

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Under Chief Minister N Biren Singh, the BJP government's non-responsiveness to demands of tribal autonomy and its attempted Meitei consolidation to stay in power has led to ethnic polarisation

So, "Greater Mizoram", like the "Greater Nagalim" demand of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland, served as a support mobilisation tool and a political bargaining chip. But since 1986, no important political party in Mizoram has raised the "Greater Mizoram" demand, and the issue died down.

For the Kuki groups (both civil society and insurgent organisations and political elements in various parties), "Greater Mizoram" will be a bargaining chip in their quest for extensive autonomy—like the separate Bodoland state helped the Bodo tribal groups wrest a Territorial Council in Assam in the last decade.

Under Chief Minister N Biren Singh, the BJP government's non-responsiveness to demands of tribal autonomy and its attempted Meitei consolidation to stay in power has led to ethnic polarisation, further aggravated by the saffronite penchant for introducing religiosity as a dividing line—the Meiteis are Vaishnavite Hindus and Kukis, like the Nagas, are Christians.

The latest violence in Manipur stems from a plan to grant the Meiteis the status of Scheduled Tribe (ST). That would ensure for them special quotas in government jobs and educational institutions.

Tribal leaders say Meiteis should not get the benefit of these quotas because they already have a monopoly over government jobs and might use the ST status to gain access to the forest lands occupied by tribals for centuries.

But the Meiteis have a point in seeking additional living space in the hills—Imphal Valley is clearly overcrowded.

The Biren Singh government has every right to stop poppy cultivation, but it must provide the tribespeople with a viable alternative like spices or rubber (as in neighbouring Tripura).

There is also no point in defaming all Kukis as drug producers because Burmese drug lords depend on all in power to peddle their wares. One can realise the nexus of big politicians and drug lords from the operations unleashed by former super cop Th Brinda, who found it difficult to continue in the state police after she went after people in high places for involvement in drug smuggling.

The state police have been blamed for siding with the Meiteis and even handing over large quantities of weapons to them to recover the dropboxes placed in various parts of the state.

The irony is that those who return these illegally secured weapons will not be prosecuted—this is written on the dropboxes. Only 1,000 of the 4,000 weapons given away from police armouries have been recovered so far.

The only way to bring Manipur back to normalcy is to kick-start a process of inter-ethnic dialogue to work out a roadmap for long-term ethnic reconciliation—even as security forces try to restore law and order. The solution must be political and address the bonafide aspirations of all communities.

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Fearless analysis

Ref: *Federalism as a constitutional imperative* (June 29). Kaleeswaram Raj has taken painstaking efforts to analyse in detail various partisan actions taken by the Centre against non-BJP ruled states. Hats off to him for coming out bravely against the Centre at a time when people are hesitating to openly criticise the government fearing probes.
NA Joseph, Ettumanoor

Blame game

Kaleeswaram Raj's article is a one-way blame game. Very often, we see how on silly grounds, some Opposition-ruled states defy the Centre's invitations to meetings on important issues. It really surprises me that the writer couldn't find another solid example other than that of Manipur, comparing it with Gujarat to show the Centre's discrimination. Isn't Manipur governed by the BJP? Natural calamities and man-made violence are two different sensitive situations to tackle.
Jitendranath Guru, Padampur

Social stigma

Ref: *Eliminating social stigma towards mental illness* (June 29). A clear analysis regarding our perception of mental illness is presented. I have wondered why companies which conduct annual health check-ups for their employees never include mental health check-ups too. This column is an-eye opener for the government and corporates to conduct periodic mental health check-ups, thus aiding in early diagnosis and intervention.
Dr P Prema, Thanjavur

Mental health

Talk openly about mental health. Social media has become a great space for positivity. Educate yourself and others and respond to misconceptions or negative comments by sharing facts and experiences. Be conscious of language. Remind people that words matter.
M S Rao, Bengaluru

Sabrina Siddiqui

The online badgering faced by WSJ reporter Sabrina Siddiqui after her question to Modi on measures taken by his government to check human rights violations establishes the xenophobia of right-wing activists. Attacks on her identity need to be condemned.
R Sivakumar, Chennai

Veggie woes

Ref: *Improve mobility and storage systems to cut veggie prices* (June 29). India is one of the largest producers of fruits and vegetables in the world. But at the consumption level, we are very poor. We also lack an integrated supply chain system, including temperature-controlled storage and transportation.
Kannoly Manoharan Nair, email

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

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Congress should stop blaming the Center for not being able to fulfil the promise of providing 10kg free rice to the people of Karnataka under the Anna Bhagya Yojana.

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
There's never been a more petty and partisan government in Delhi than the Modi govt. But that won't stop us from fulfilling our promise to the people of Karnataka.

Arvind Kejriwal @ArvindKejriwal
The people of Delhi are hard working.... LG Sahib, you have come from outside, you do not understand Delhi and Delhiites.

India, Russia discuss security ties

Moscow seeks to shore up New Delhi's support following last week's mercenary rebellion

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

Ajit Kumar Doval

Nikolai Patrushev

RUSSIA'S Security Council Secretary, Nikolai Patrushev, spoke with India's National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval on Wednesday and briefed him about the latest developments in his country.

This comes close on the heels of a short-lived mercenary rebellion that shook the Kremlin earlier this week.

"The current issues of Russian-Indian cooperation in the field of security and the prospects for their deepening within the framework of bilateral and multilateral formats were discussed in detail," according to a statement issued by the Russian government.

Patrushev and Doval had met in person on March 29 on the sidelines of the SCO National Security Advisors meet in Delhi. The two had discussed cooperation between India and Russia in the area of security.

In light of the recent rebellion that shook Russia, Patrushev would have reached out to Doval to not only apprise him of the situation in Russia but also seek possible solutions. It may be recalled that Doval had also met President Putin in person in Moscow in February at a meeting on Afghanistan.

The rebellion by Yevgeny Prigozhin and his Wagner group on June 24, Saturday, had posed a serious challenge to Russian President Vladimir Putin — a probable first in more than two decades — raising questions about his dwindling control and leadership.

The Wagner mercenary group had taken control of Russia's Rostov-on-Don town. The revolt ended when Prigozhin decided to stop in his tracks and made a deal with the Kremlin. The mercenary chief will now relocate to Belarus.

Interestingly, until now the Wagner Group had been a key piece of Russia's strategy in Ukraine, with the group's forces being deployed to hold cities such as Bakhmut.

The tension between Russia's defence ministry and Wagner Group escalated dramatically on June 23 (Friday), when Prigozhin accused Russian forces of attacking their camps in eastern Ukraine, which resulted in some casualties.

This angered Prigozhin, who indicated through a video message that same evening his intent to rebel.

Thereafter, Wagner forces left Ukraine and marched into Russia on Saturday, taking control of the Russian military headquarters for the southern region in Rostov-on-Don, which has been overseeing the fight in Ukraine. President Putin called the uprising "a stab in the back" through a televised address on Saturday.

"All those who prepared the rebellion will suffer inevitable punishment," Putin said, "The armed forces and other government agencies have received the necessary orders."

Though a full-fledged rebellion was averted, the incident laid bare chinks in the Russian establishment, which the Kremlin wants to cover. They are not just looking at enhancing their security within Russia but also seeking help from its ally India to help them counter anything similar in the future, said an expert on India-Russia relations.

The Wagner Group is actually a group of entities that operate as a Private Military Company (PMC). These PMCs can be hired by governments for security or combat services and are common in war zones. The United States too had a private military during its wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. However, there are some structural differences in how they are used in different parts of the world.

SECURITY A CONTINUOUS DIALOGUE

Ajit Doval and Nikolai Patrushev had met on March 29 on the sidelines of the SCO National Security Advisors' meet in Delhi. The two had discussed cooperation between both the nations in the area of security. In light of the recent mercenary rebellion in Russia, Patrushev appraised Doval of the situation and also sought possible solutions. Doval had also met President Vladimir Putin in Moscow last February at a meeting on Afghanisthan.

12 countries to participate in IAF's biggest-ever exercise

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Indian Air Force is preparing to host its biggest ever multinational exercise, which will see participation from some of the most advanced air forces in the world.

"The exercise, to be held in the last quarter of this year, is named 'Tarang Shakti'. Air forces of 12 countries are to participate, with six nations joining with their air assets and the other six will be joining as observers," said a source privy to the information.

The exercise is likely to bring together the frontline aircraft, including combat jets, transport aircraft, mid-air refuellers, and airborne warning and control system aircraft.

All the preparations for the exercise in the Rajasthan sector have been done and the approval of the government is expected soon.

Sources in the defence and security establishment hinted that the advanced air forces, including those of the Quad nations — United States, Japan and Australia — in addition to that of France and the United Kingdom, are the ones sending their aircraft for this exercise.

A major exercise like Tarang Shakti will lead to better professional interactions, enrich the employment philosophy of the forces and get valuable insight into the participating contingents' best practices, said the source.

The Indian Army and Navy have hosted multilateral exercises in the past. The Multinational maritime exercise Milan-22 saw participation of 40 countries. Indian Army held the Africa-India Field Training Exercise-2023 in Pune in March this year with participation of 25 African nations.

The armed forces of India have been participating in multiple bilateral and multilateral exercises and their professional prowess has been well-acknowledged.

In the months of April and May, the IAF's air warriors were part of bilateral and multilateral exercises. In April, the Indian Air Force went to France to participate in Exercise Orion at Mont-de-Marsan, an air force base of the French Air and Space Force (FASF). For the first time, Indian Air Force's four Rafales participated in an overseas exercise.

Besides the IAF and the FASF, air forces from Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Spain and the United States of America participated in this multilateral exercise.

Also, the Exercise Cope India 23 was held at air force station Kalaikunda in April between the Indian Air Force and the United States Air Force. Personnel from the Japanese Air Self Defence Force were present as observers.

Grounds prepared for event in Western Sector

Indian Air Force's 'Tarang Shakti' exercise is likely to bring together the frontline aircraft, including combat jets, transport aircraft, mid-air refuellers, and airborne warning and control system aircraft. All the preparations for the exercise in the Rajasthan sector have been done and the approval of the government is expected soon.

SC roster system based on domain expertise of judges from Monday

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

IN A bid to bring more transparency and certainty, the Supreme Court from July 3 will introduce a new "scientifically prepared" roster system based exclusively on the domain expertise of judges, according to sources. The new system will also take into account the inflow and pendency of cases. The case categories will be allotted to judges at the stage of case filing.

The SC will reopen on July 3 after summer vacations.

According to the Supreme Court website, cases will be allocated to 15 different benches as per a "subjectwise roster".

The bench led by Chief Justice (CJI) DY Chandrachud will cover the maximum subjects, including cases falling under the category of indirect taxes, service matters, criminal appeals, election petitions, company law, habeas corpus pleas and arbitration.

The CJI-led bench would also take up matters pertaining to the appointment of constitutional authorities, judicial officers, armed forces, admissions to educational institutions, letter petitions and social justice matters. Letter petitions and public interest litigations can also be heard by the second and third benches, which would now be headed by Justices SK Kaul and Sanjiv Khanna respectively, subject to the same being assigned by the CJI.

Apart from this, a new process will also be followed from July 3 for listing and mentioning of fresh cases. All miscellaneous matters verified by Tuesday would now be listed automatically the next Monday and matters verified after Tuesday would be listed the next Friday.

In case the counsels need their matters to be heard prior to the allotted date, they have to submit their pro forma by 3 pm. For those seeking listing on the same day, the pro forma would have to be submitted by 10.30 am to the mentioning officer with a letter of urgency.

The CJI would then take a call either during lunch hours or as the "exigency warrants". In case counsels need after notice and regular hearing matters to be listed urgently, they will have to go before the mentioning officer first along with the pro forma and urgency letter.

Amid rejig buzz, Modi calls meeting of ministers

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi is learnt to have called a meeting of the Union Council of Ministers on July 3. The PM is likely to take stock of the performance of each ministry and equip the minister concerned with the government stand on various issues.

A senior source in the government said the meeting of Union Council of Ministers comes a a few days after the PM's meeting on Wednesday with party's top leaders on issues including uniform civil cod (UCC), next Parliament session, organisational matters and a possible reshuffle of the Council of Ministers.

"It is guessed that the PM may drop hints to some of the ministers to get ready for LS elections. A discussion over Cabinet reshuffle, which is expected, may also be held at this meeting," said a party source.

"The monsoon session, which is likely to start after July 15, is almost sure to be stormy over the UCC, Manipur crisis and the Balasore rail mishap, besides other issues. In such a situation, it is believed that the PM will share tips with his ministers on how to tackle the situation on the floor of the House on the issue of UCC, Manipur crisis and the recent major rail mishap in Odisha's Balasore," a source hinted, adding that the first opposition meet held in Patna and the second to be held in Bangalore on July 13, will also be countered by the present members of treasury benches.

There is also a buzz that the expected Cabinet reshuffle may get the final shape at the meeting in which the ministers who are likely to be dropped from the Cabinet will be asked to resign and told to focus on Lok Sabha elections or organisational matters.

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Ravi Shankar Prasad, Harsh Vardhan, Prakash Javadekar and Santosh Gangwar Bareilly were dropped before Jyotiraditya Scindia, Narayan Rane, Sarbananda Sonowal and Ashwini Vaishnaw were inducted into the cabinet. Recently, law minister Kiren Rijiju was dropped from the law ministry and was replaced by Arjun Ram Meghwal.

The Union Council of Ministers consist of Cabinet ministers, ministers of state and the minister of state (independent charges). At present, there are 58 Union ministers handling 93 departments of various ministries.

Discussions on the impact of the Aspirational Districts Programme, Ujjwala scheme, Har Ghar Jal, farmers' welfare schemes, railway projects and many other minority-centric welfare schemes started by the Modi government in the last nine years are also expected to come up for discussions.

MEETING MAY FINALISE CABINET RESHUFFLE

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BJP finalising blueprint on 2024 poll strategy

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is believed to have prepared a blueprint for the upcoming 2024 general election. A comprehensive micromanagement-based strategy is in the final stage of completion, according to sources. Party president JP Nadda, along with other top leaders, will be chairing a series of consultative meetings with leaders including the CMs and deputy CMs of BJP-ruled states and members of party executive committee soon.

SPECIAL FOCUS ON SOUTH

Kerala	20*
Karnataka	28
Tamil Nadu	39
Telangana	17
Andhra Pradesh	25

*No. of LS seats

"The party's think-tank, comprising principal strategist Amit Shah, president JP Nadda and other core members, has divided the country into three regions — South, North and East — to cover all 543 Lok Sabha constituencies. Under south region, all 129 Lok Sabha constituencies — Telangana(17), Kerala(20), Tamil Nadu(39), Karnataka(28) and Andhra Pradesh(25 Lok Sabha seats) — will be covered through micro-management of booths with a target of winning at least 80-95 seats," a source aid. Similarly, 42 seats in West Bengal 14 seats in Assam under Eastern India plan. The party president will chair meetings with in-charge of state units, party state presidents, senior office-bearers, seven Morchas "The meeting of JP Nadda with them would have wider discussions on the blueprint as how to act and simplify the party functioning ahead of next LS polls in effective ways," said a source.

After the poll debacle in Karnataka, the BJP is learnt to have devised a new strategy for south Indian states keeping its social and religion-wise factors as the centre point.

UNIFORM CIVIL CODE: HOUSE ARITHMETIC

The Uniform Civil Code (UCC) is taken as a set of laws that govern personal matters, including marriage, divorce, adoption, inheritance and succession, for all citizens regardless of their religion. However, to make it a law, the government needs majority in both Houses of Parliament. Here's a look at the party position in the Upper House, where the government lacks majority:

NUMBER OF AYEs

Rajya Sabha has **237 MEMBERS**

8 SEATS including two nominated members, vacant

BJP: 93

AIADMK (ally) 4

Other allies: 7

104

MAJORITY MARK NOW: **119**

SHORTFALL

15 Even with support of 9 BJD MPs, BJP will need 6 more MPs. YSRCP of Jagan Mohan Reddy has ruled out support

AAP

(3 from Delhi and 7 from Punjab)

UCC comes under Article 44 of Constitution, which seeks a common set of laws for all religious communities on issues like marriage, divorce, adoption, inheritance, and succession

PM Modi has made a strong pitch for UCC at a BJP rally in Madhya Pradesh early this week

Many Opposition parties, women's groups, Muslim bodies and tribal outfits have opposed to the move

MONSOON SESSION OF PARLIAMENT

The Election Commission of India has announced elections to 10 Rajya Sabha seats from Goa, Gujarat and West Bengal on **JULY 24**

Of the 10 seats, 6 in West Bengal, 3 in Gujarat and 1 in Goa; Among West Bengal seats, 5 are held by TMC and 1 by Congress; BJP may get its first RS MP from Bengal this time

In Gujarat, all 3 outgoing members from BJP

House Panel to discuss UCC on Monday

SHRUTI KAKKAR & PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

We will hold meetings with the concerned religious groups, women's groups, and other organisations. We will have discussions with all stakeholders. It cannot be done in a day or two, it is going to be a time-consuming process

Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, Law Commission Chairman

AGAINST the backdrop of the 22nd Law Commission's decision to look at the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) afresh, a parliamentary panel on July 3 will hear views of the Department of Legal Affairs, the Legislative Department and the Law Commission in the matter.

"Members are reminded that the next meeting of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice wil be held at 3 pm on Monday, 3rd July, 2023 ... to hear the views of representatives of the following organisations on public notice issued by the Law Commission of India ... on the Uniform Civil Code," Rajya Sabha Secretariat stated in a public notice dated June 28.

The consultations by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice come days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a strong pitch for UCC at a BJP rally in Madhya Pradesh.

Meanwhile, Law Commission Chairman Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, speaking exclusively to this newspaper, said that every relevant personal law will be considered by the commission. The commission on June 14 invited views from the public and recognised religious organisations on the issue within 30 days. "Soon after the 30-day period, the consultations will start individually and wider discussions are required on the subject. We will hold meetings with the concerned religious groups, women's groups and other organisations. We will have discussions with all stakeholders. It cannot be done in a day or two, it is going to be a time-consuming process," he said, adding that the PM's pitch for UCC in Bhopal has nothing to do with the panel's work.

The decision on UCC was taken by the Law Commission after taking into consideration the relevance and importance of UCC and the various court orders pertaining to it.

Speaking to this paper, Sushil Kumar Modi, chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice, said, "The meeting is being called to understand the issues involved regarding the UCC and to discuss the consultation paper issued by the 21st Law Commission on August 31, 2018."

According to sources, Awasthi will not attend the meeting. Another member of the Law Commission would attend the meeting on his behalf, they said.

"The 21st Law Commission did not make any consultation paper on the creation of UCC. Their work suggested amendments in the existing personal laws on a few subjects such as marriage, divorce and inheritance, among others. They also highlighted disparities in various family laws," he said.

The 21st Law Commission, in its 2018 consultation paper, had suggested that UCC was "neither necessary nor desirable at this stage". It said that amendments should be made to family laws of various religions to make them gender-just. It also said that women must be guaranteed their freedom of faith without any compromise on their right to equality.

CRUELTY

The Navi Mumbai police have registered a case of cruelty against the husband and five relatives of a woman for allegedly harassing her after she delivered a girl child, an official said on Thursday. No arrests have been made yet.

1 HELD WITH HEROIN WORTH ₹89L ON NEPAL BORDER

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	30	25	Mumbai	28	26
Bhopal	28	24	Panaji	29	27
Jaipur	30	25	Patna	33	28
Amritsar	33	26	Lucknow	30	26
Chennai	34	27	Port Blair	30	27
Kolkata	33	29	Imphal	29	22
Srinagar	29	16	Chandigarh	33	26

■ BJP braces for Rajasthan Assembly polls as top party leaders descend on the state ■ Focuses on Bihar, the hub of Opposition politics

Nadda highlights graft, 'dynasty rule' as Rajnath takes on '*nafrat ka bazaar*'

RAJESH ASNANI & HARPREET BAJWA @ Jaipur/Chandigarh

TOP BJP leaders are descending on poll-bound Rajasthan and reaching out to other towns and cities in preparation for the Lok Sabha polls due next year. A day after Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** visited parts of Jodhpur, it was the turn of party chief **JP Nadda** to highlight the achievements of the Modi government in the last 9 years in the state's Bharatpur district.

In the plains of Haryana's Yamunanagar, Rajnath sought to deflate Congress' slogan of 'market of hate' (nafrat ka bazaar) coined against the BJP. Addressing a public gathering in the Nadbai assembly constituency of Bharatpur, Nadda characterised the Congress as a party dominated by a single family. Nadda also criticised the Congress government in Rajasthan, accusing Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot of facilitating rampant corruption.

Nadda praised Prime Minister Modi, highlighting his global standing. However, the Congress resorts to using derogatory language against the PM," said Nadda. The BJP's condition is particularly weak in the Bharatpur division. In the 2018 assembly elections, the party secured only one seat out of 19 in the districts of the eastern division. In Yamunanagar, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh hit out at Rahul Gandhi over his "market of hate" (nafrat ka bazaar) remarks.

"The so-called 'shop of love' (mohabbat ki dukan) is not needed" because where is hate?" Singh asked.

While addressing Gauravshali Bharat rally in Yamunanagar on the completion of nine years of the Narendra Modi government at the Centre, Rajnath Singh said whether it was Ram temple in Ayodhya or abrogation of Article 370 in J&K, whatever the BJP promised, it has delivered.

In Bihar, Shah calls Nitish '*paltu ram*'

RAMASHANKAR @Patna

Home Minister Amit Shah, along with Bihar BJP chief Samrat Choudhary and state LoP Vijay Kumar Sinha, at a rally in Lakhisarai, Bihar on Thursday | PTI

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said the Congress failed to 'launch' party leader Rahul Gandhi 20 times, emphasizing that now people had to decide if they wanted to give another term to Narendra Modi as Prime Minister or want to make Rahul their next PM.

Shah also attacked Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar's opposition unity drive alleging that leaders of those 20 parties who had assembled in the state capital were responsible for Rs 20 lakh crore scams when the Congress-led UPA was in power. Addressing a public meeting in Lakhisarai, Shah said, "Congress is a *'vichitra'* (strange) party as it launches its leader. "It has made 20 attempts to launch Rahul, but failed. It had tried to launch Rahul in the meeting of opposition leaders in Patna too, but again it failed."

He said now people had to decide who should be their PM. Modi, who had added to the glory of the country and also ensured its safety, or Rahul who could not be successfully 'launched' as a leader. He also appealed to people to ensure that NDA won all 40 Lok Sabha seats of the state in the 2024 election. Launching a blistering attack on Nitish by calling him a 'betrayer' and *'paltu ram'* for snapping ties with BJP and forming a new government with the Grand Alliance, he exhorted people to 'punish' him in the Lok Sabha election as well as in the 2025 state assembly elections.

He said that Nitish was also befooling RJD chief Lalu Prasad as he was not going to become Prime Minister and would continue to stick to the post of chief minister.

It was Shah's 5th visit to Bihar in the last 10 months. The Home Minister said that Nitish had built his political career by fighting against former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Lalu but now he had joined hands with Congress and RJD.

He alleged that Nitish should be shameful for sacrificing his principles for the "lust of power" and joining hands with Lalu and Arvind Kejriwal. He said people of Bihar would not be with the corrupt people as it was the land of revolutionary leader Jayaprakash Narayan. Now, Nitish is sitting in the doorstep of Congress, he alleged. Shah claimed that law and order situation in Bihar was worsening as 'goonda raj' had returned to the state with RJD coming back to power as liquor mafia and sand mafia had become active.

Shah said that Nitish should tell what his government had done for Bihar before questioning the Centre. He said the Centre opened engineering and medical colleges in Munger as it also gave ₹3 lakh crore for 13 greenfield expressways in the state and ₹13,400 crore for Patna Metro. Reacting to Shah's meeting, JD-U chief and MP from Munger Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh said Shah's nervousness over BJP losing ground in the state was visible during his address at Lakhisarai on Thursday. Lakhisarai assembly constituency comes under Munger Lok Sabha seat.

He alleged that several schemes that Shah mentioned in his speech were launched by Nitish Kumar. For example, Centre's funds were not used in Jal Jivan Mission to provide tap water supply to people in the state. RJD spokesperson Mritunjay Tiwari claimed that BJP will not be able to open its account in Bihar in next year's Lok Sabha election.

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Veg meal, '*kulhad*' tea for CM on state tour

The CMO has issued an advisory, asking all DMs to ensure that when CM Himanta Biswa Sarma attends a programme, tea should be served in 'kulhads' and water kept in a glass bottle or jugs. Further, the DMs must ensure that lamp is lit by the organiser before the start of the event. They have been directed to ensure that the felicitation of the CM with 'gamocha' or flower bouquet is strictly avoided and no gift offered to him. Whenever the CM stays for the night, the next morning event should start with the plantation of a tree. Lunch and dinner menu should always be simple vegetarian with Assamese or local tribal style menu.

Conservationists worry as birds poisoned to death

Environmentalists and conservationists have expressed deep concern over the purported deaths of hundreds of birds due to poisoning in Mahammadpur Gram of lower Assam's Barpeta district. The birds died after consuming crops that were lade with poisonous substances to keep the birds away. A local environmental enthusiast reported the incident by circulating a video on social media. Dr Bibhab Kumar Talukdar, secretary general-cum- CEO of Aaranyak, appealed to village headmen and Village Defence Patrol groups to come forward and bring the culprits to justice,

IIT-Guwahati betters global ranking

The IIT-Guwahati has earned a spot in the top 25% in the QS World University Rankings 2024. The IIT, Guwahati ranked 364th in the world and 7th in India. With this, the institute has improved its global ranking by 20 places and Indian ranking by 1 place. QS World University Rankings 2024 released on June 27, indicates that since 2014, IIT-G has improved its rank by at least 237 places from 601-650 range in 2014 to 364th in 2023. Prof Parameswar K Iyer, Officiating Director of IIT-G, expressed his delight over the institute's performance, "We are continuously restructuring and improving our learning, research and innovation."

U'khand gets 74 weather stations, to warn citizens of avalanches

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

TAKING lessons from past avalanche disasters, the Uttarakhand government will be setting up 74 weather stations in the state, which will warn the people in advance about the possibility of avalanches.

Backed by the Central government, the Chandigarh-based Defence Geoinformatics Research Establishment (DGRE) will set up the weather stations in the high Himalayan regions of the state. Taking a cue from the avalanche incident in Uttarkashi, the state government decided to set up weather stations in remote and border areas of the Himalayas.

Speaking to this newspaper, Dr Ranjit Kumar Sinha, state secretary, disaster management and rehabilitation said, "The entire cost of the project will be borne by the Central government, which will provide state-of-the-art engineering solutions to ensure safe movement in these areas, with a focus on avalanches and landslides as soon as it becomes operational".Due to climate change, the incidents of avalanches have increased in Uttarakhand in the last few years.

Saharanpur cops detain 4, recover vehicle used in attack on Bhim Army chief

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

Wrestlers Bajrang Punia & Sakshi Malik visited the Bhim Army chief on Thursday

A day after an attack on Bhim Army chief Chandra Shekhar Azad who was shot at by unidentified car-borne attackers and a bullet had grazed his abdomen, in Deoband of Saharanpur district, the police claims to have recovered the four wheeler used in the crime and has also detained four suspects on Thursday.

The vehicle used in the attack was recovered by the cops in Saharanpur district late on Wednesday night is seen as the first breakthrough in the case. The police sources claimed that the hatchback car - a Swift Dezire — with a haryana licence plate having — was seized from Miragpur village late on Wednesday night. The vehicle was located with the help of surveillance cameras, said the police sources.

With the help of CCTV cameras, police officials managed to identify four men who drove the car over to the house where the vehicle was found. But the men remain untraceable as they had switched off their phone to evade detection by the police, officials said. Meanwhile, four persons were detained from the house where the vehicle was parked, for questioning to get leads in the case, said the sources.

An FIR has also been lodged at the Deoband police station in Saharanpur district in connection with the incident. The FIR was lodged based on the complaint of Chandrashekhar's accomplice, Manish Kumar.

According to the FIR, provisions of offences under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST) Act were imposed along with the charges of attempt to murder against the attackers.

According to Saharanpur SP City Abimanyu Manglik, Bhim Army chief's condition is now stable. On the other, Chandrashekhar Aazad issued a video appeal to his supporters from the hospital to remain calm and maintain harmony asserting that he would continue to fight constitutionally.

SEC trashes BJP's claim on withdrawal of nominations in Bengal rural elections

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

Damaged furniture after a clash ahead of Panchayat polls in Malda

THE West Bengal State Election Commission (SEC) on Thursday submitted an affidavit before the Calcutta High Court stating that the withdrawal of nominations for the upcoming panchayat polls to be held on July 8 had been almost cut to half in comparison to the previous poll five years ago. The state poll panel also said the number of valid nominations is also much higher this time.

The SEC submitted the affidavit following a directive of the high court that was issued while hearing a petition of Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari accusing the ruling Trinamool Congress of forcing the opposition candidates to withdraw their nominations.

In the affidavit, the SEC said 9.03 per cent of valid nominations were withdrawn in this year's Panchayat elections while the figure was 17.65 per cent in the previous polls. The SEC said the number of nominations has significantly increased this time. In this Panchayat elections, the SEC has received 2,28,158 valid nominations while the figure was 1,33,633 in 2018. A total of 23,619 nominations were withdrawn in 2018 and in this electoral exercise over 20,612 nominations were withdrawn.

The BJP, principal opposition of the TMC in Bengal, refused to accept the SEC's figure. "The figure of total number of withdrawn nominations doesn't reflect the real scenario of violence unleashed by the TMC. "The statistics doesn't disclose the real story behind withdrawal of candidature. Thousands of our candidates were forced to withdraw their candidature," said BJP spokesperson Shamik Bhattacharya.

The SEC informed the HC that it received 754 complaints of irregularities and it has ordered a thorough investigation. The panel also said that the sensitive booths have been identified and CCTV footage from all polling booths would be preserved as per the order.

BJP worker's body found hanging

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

A local BJP leader's body, who was allegedly missing for the past three-four days, was found hanging in his residence at Balpai village in West Medinipur district on Thursday morning, police said. The saffron camp alleged that their party worker was first murdered and then hanged.

"We are yet to ascertain whether the incident is a case of murder or suicide. The body was sent for post-mortem," said a police officer. BJP's local leader Tanmay Das said, "The local Trinamool Congress leaders were putting pressure on Samanta to join the ruling party. He and his family members went to the police to lodge a complaint but they were not entertained at the local police station," Das alleged. He also alleged that Samanta's family had recently received a white saree of cloth and flowers, which were actually a deadly threat. TMC, however, denied involvement of its workers behind Samanta's death.

Apathy of authorities forces families to put 'house on sale'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

Residents of an EWS colony in Indore put 'house on sale' posters outside their houses alleging inadequate basic amenities that has forced them to move out

UNABLE to get basic amenities and adequate police presence, and fed up with growing menace of drug abuse in their surroundings, at least nine economically weaker section (EWS) families at a Indore residential colony have put 'House on Sale: Forced to Leave' posters. After the development came to the fore, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan chaired a meeting on Thursday to review law and order in Indore, the most populated city in the state.

At the meeting in Bhopal, which was attended among others by state's additional chief secretary (home) Rajesh Rajoura, DGP Sudhir Saxena, ADG (Intelligence) Adarsh Katiyar, Indore divisional commission Pawan Kumar Sharma and city's police commissioner Makrand Deouskar (the Indore officials attended via video conferencing), the CM directed the officials to take strict action against anti-social elements, particularly those consuming alcohol and indulging in drug abuse at public places. Deputy commissioner of police (DCP-Indore Zone-1) Aditya Mishra rushed to the Treasure Town residential colony in Indore's Rajendra Nagar area on Wednesday evening after the police came to know that the nine EWS families have put the 'House on Sale: Forced to Leave' posters in Hindi outside their house.

The concerned EWS families alleged in the posters about improper law and order situation in the area, inadequate police patrolling, apathy and dictatorial conduct of the colony's builder and growing activities of anti-social elements, particularly incidents of drug abuse and alcoholism in the colony. The DCP Indore Zone-1 talked to the concerned residents and assured them of proper action on all their complaints. "Their concerns are totally genuine and the posters were put there to get their woes heard. The basic problem of the concerned residents pertained to the builder not providing the basic amenities adequately, particularly the street lights and CCTV cameras.

The builder's representatives have assured that they will rectify all these problems in three days. Also, the police sub inspector in-charge of the area will conduct thorough police verification of all residents in the next three days. Bond over action will be initiated against all those who are found to be habitual offenders, particularly drug abusers.

If needed, the assistant commissioner of police (ACP) will hold the court in the colony itself and initiate the bond over action against the wrong doers. Further police patrolling will be streamlined and police guards will be deployed here permanently," the DCP Aditya Mishra told journalists after meeting the aggrieved residents.

Tech-savvy Maoists in J'khand collect 'tax' from contractors in digital mode

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

EXTREMISTS in Jharkhand have started using social media and digital modes of payment for collecting 'tax' from businessmen and contractors in the state. The arrest of three members of the banned outfit, Tritiya Sammelan Prastuti Committee (TSPC), from Palamu district, 185 km from Ranchi, on Monday, has revealed that they were using WhatsApp calls to avoid police surveillance and receiving 'tax' online through digital platforms for payments including Google Pay, Paytm and PhonePe.

The trio was identified as TSPC self-styled area commander Sambhu Singh alias Birendra ji, Mithilesh Yadav and Satyendra Singh. "A country-made pistol, an 8 mm cartridge, three smart-phones, TSPC leaflets and a diary containing phone numbers of brickkiln owners were recovered from them," said the Bishrampur Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Sujit Kumar.

According to the police, several evidences of using social media and digital mode of payments by extremists were found in the mobile phones seized from them.

"The trio had been using WhatsApp for making threatening calls to the local businessmen and use of digital mode of payments like PhonePe, Google Pay and Paytm for receiving money from them," said the ASP (Ops) Rishabh Garg. Similar trends were also seen in the other splinter groups of CPI (Maoists), he added. We are waiting for the bank details from which the money was transferred, said the ASP. Bishrampur SDPO Sujit Kumar, under whose jurisdiction the trio was arrested, asserted that Maoists have been using UPI payment for 'tax' collection.

"During interrogation, it was found that transactions were done online. When we asked them, they admitted that they had been receiving levy money online as there always is a chance of being caught if they did it physically," said the Sub-Divisional Police Officer.

WhatsApp calls to avoid police surveillance

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125 Sudanese army soldiers held by paramilitary force are freed, says Red Cross

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain ● HR: Heavy Rain ● SW: Snow ● TDS: Thundershower ● LC: Light Cloud ● SNY: Sunny

Beijing	31	18	TDS	Los Angeles	20	14	LC
Colombo	31	26	LC	Melbourne	15	11	HR
Dhaka	34	28	TDS	Moscow	20	8	HR
Dubai	39	30	SNY	New York	23	18	LC
Houston	36	25	SNY	Singapore	32	28	TDS
Istanbul	24	18	LC	Toronto	20	13	LC
London	28	16	LC	Washington	25	15	LC

Plan to send migrants to Rwanda illegal: UK court

Govt to file appeal, says it is a blow to managing asylum-seekers

LONDON

A British court ruled on Thursday that a UK government plan to send asylum-seekers on a one-way trip to Rwanda is unlawful, delivering a blow to the Conservative administration's pledge to stop migrants making risky journeys across the English Channel.

In a split two-to-one ruling, three Court of Appeal judges said Rwanda could not be considered a "safe third country" where migrants from any country could be sent.

But the judges said that a policy of deporting asylum seekers to another country deemed as safe was not in itself illegal, and the government said it would challenge the ruling at the UK Supreme Court. It has until July 6 to lodge an appeal.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said that "while I respect the court I fundamentally disagree with their conclusions."

The government argues that the policy will smash the business model of criminal gangs that ferry migrants on hazardous journeys across one of the world's busiest shipping lanes.

Human rights groups say it is immoral and inhumane to send people more than 6,400 kilometres to a country they don't want to live in. They also cite Rwanda's poor human rights record, including allegations of torture and killings of government opponents. Yasmine Ahmed, UK director of Human Rights Watch, said the verdict was "some rare good news in an otherwise bleak landscape for human rights in the UK."

In a partial victory for the government, the appeals court ruled on Thursday that the UK's international obligations did not rule out removing asylum-seekers to a safe third country. But two of the three ruled Rwanda was not safe because its asylum system had "serious deficiencies." They said asylum seekers "would face a real risk of being returned to their countries of origin," where they could be mistreated. Lord Chief Justice Ian Burnett disagreed with his two colleagues. He said assurances given by the Rwandan government were enough to ensure the migrants would be safe.

Rwanda took issue with the ruling, saying the nation is "one of the safest countries in the world." "As a society...we have built a safe, secure, dignified environment, in which migrants and refugees have equal rights and opportunities as Rwandans," said government spokeswoman Yolande Makolo. "Everyone relocated here under this partnership will benefit from this." *AP*

File picture of Britain's Home Secretary Suella Braverman (C) inspecting a model during a visit to a building project for accommodation for migrants in Rwanda | AP

SUPREME COURT BANS THE USE OF RACE IN UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS IN US

WASHINGTON

THE US Supreme Court on Thursday banned the use of race and ethnicity in university admissions, dealing a major blow to a decades-old practice that boosted educational opportunities for African-Americans and other minorities. The court's conservative majority overturned admission plans at Harvard and the University of North Carolina.

The vote was 6-3 in the North Carolina case and 6-2 in the Harvard case. Chief Justice John Roberts wrote in the majority opinion that while affirmative action was "well-intentioned and implemented in good faith," it cannot last forever, and amounted to unconstitutional discrimination against others.

"The student must be treated based on his or her experiences as an individual—not on the basis of race," Roberts wrote.

The court said that universities were free to consider an applicant's background—whether, for example, they grew up experiencing racism—in weighing their application over more academically qualified students.

But deciding primarily based on whether the applicant is white, Black or other is itself racial discrimination, Roberts wrote. "Our constitutional history does not tolerate that choice," Roberts said. In a scathing rebuttal, Justice Sonia Sotomayor accused the majority of being colourblind to the reality of "an endemically segregated society." "Ignoring race will not equalise a society that is racially unequal. What was true in the 1860s...is true today: Equality requires acknowledgment of inequality," she wrote.

Thursday's ruling was a victory for conservatives, some of whom have argued that affirmative action is unfair and the policy has outlived its need due to significant gains by Black people and other minorities.

"This is a great day for America," said ex-president Donald Trump, who helped build the court's conservative majority with three appointments.

It "will make the college admissions process fairer and uphold equality under the law," added Republican US House Speaker Kevin McCarthy.

People protest outside of the Supreme Court in Washington on Thursday | AP

World Bank okays $700 mn loan for Lanka

COLOMBO

THE World Bank has approved $700 million in financing to help Sri Lanka to recover from the current economic crisis.

Of this amount, $500 million have been assigned for budgetary support and $200 million for social security.

This is the biggest financial relief to Sri Lanka since the IMF reached an agreement with Sri Lanka last March to provide an Extended Fund Facility of $2.9 billion. The World Bank said its Board of Directors approved $700 million in financing for two operations to help Sri Lanka implement foundational reforms that restore macroeconomic stability and sustainability and mitigate the impact of current and future shocks. *PTI*

ASIA MATTERS

EID AL-ADHA CELEBRATED WITH FEASTS

Muslims across Indonesia on Thursday were celebrating Eid al-Adha, one of the biggest holidays in the Islamic calendar, with full meat-based feasts after fears of last year's foot-and-mouth disease outbreak waned. Worshippers joined in communal prayers in the streets of Jakarta. Mosques flooded with devotees offering morning prayers, including in Jakarta's Istiqlal Grand Mosque, the largest in Southeast Asia. Indonesia has decided to extend this year's feast of sacrifice holiday by giving an extra two days of mandatory leave before and after the Muslim festival

Cop charged in French teen's killing as outrage builds

Protestors with a poster "Police kills, Justice for Nahel" as Nahel's mother, centre on truck, gestures during a march on Thursday | AP

NANTERRE

A Paris region town of 54,000 people says it's putting an overnight curfew in place, stretching through the weekend, in response to rioting triggered by the deadly police shooting of a suburban teenager.

The town of Clamart, in the French capital's southwest suburbs, announced the extraordinary measure on Thursday in a statement on its website.

It said the overnight curfew would start at 9 pm and last until 6 am—from Thursday night through to Monday. It cited "the risk of new public order disturbances" for the decision, after two nights of urban unrest. "Clamart is a safe and calm town, we are determined that it stay that way," it said.

A police officer in a Paris suburb was handed a preliminary charge of voluntary homicide on Thursday after the deadly shooting of a 17-year-old. Nanterre prosecutor Pascal Prache said his initial investigation led him to conclude "the conditions for the legal use of the weapon were not met" in the shooting.

The teen, identified only by his first name, Nahel, was killed during a traffic stop on Tuesday.

After a morning crisis meeting, Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin said the number of police officers deployed would more than quadruple, from 9,000 to 40,000. In the Paris region alone, the number of officers deployed would more than double to 5,000.

"The professionals of disorder must go home," Darmanin said. While there's no need yet to declare a state of emergency — a measure taken to quell weeks of rioting in 2005—he added: "The state's response will be extremely firm." Bus and rail services were shutting down at 9 pm to safeguard transportation workers and passengers, a decision sure to impact thousands of travellers in Paris and its suburbs. President Emmanuel Macron has called for calm and said the protest violence was "unjustifiable." Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne, speaking in a town north of Paris where the mayor's office had been set on fire, said "obviously all escalation has to be avoided." *Agencies*

WOMAN LOSES LEG AFTER IT GETS TRAPPED

A woman's leg had to be amputated in a Thai airport after it was trapped by a movable walkway Thursday, officials said. The 57-year-old Thai passenger was due to board a morning flight from Bangkok's Don Mueang Airport to the southern Nakhon Si Thammarat province when she was caught by the walkway in the airport's Terminal 2. A medical team there eventually had to cut her left leg off from above the knee. "...I'd like to express my deepest condolences regarding the accident," Don Mueang Airport Director Karun Thanakuljeerapat said

LOST

I, Mr. ALLAUDDEEN EKSAMBI, I have lost / misplaced Last 3 Pages of Original Sale Deed bearing Registration No.668/1988-89, Book I, Pages - 63-64, Dated-16-04-1988, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore City, is lost or misplaced while Travelling from my house which is in JHBCS Layout, Kadirenahalli and I have lodge complaint before the Kumaraswamy Layout Police Station, if found please contact at No. 9980291508.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
AUCTION PROGRAMME
NOTICE NO. 08/2023

e-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous Scrap, Non-Ferrous Scrap, other Misc Scrap, condemned Wagon, Coaches & Locos, Scrap Rails and other Permanent Way scrap material.

Sl. No.	e-Auction conducted by	Date of auction for the month of for August'23		
1	GSD/PER	02.08.2023	10.08.2023	18.08.2023
2	CSSD/GOC	04.08.2023	14.08.2023	22.08.2023
3	SSD/PTJ	04.08.2023	14.08.2023	22.08.2023
4	MAS Division	01.08.2023	09.08.2023	17.08.2023
5	SA Division	01.08.2023	09.08.2023	17.08.2023
6	TVC Division	03.08.2023	11.08.2023	21.08.2023
7	PGT Division	03.08.2023	11.08.2023	21.08.2023
8	TPJ Division	07.08.2023	16.08.2023	24.08.2023
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public at large is hereby notified that, **Sri. KANNAN SANTHANAM,** son of Late Santhanam R. and **Smt. SAROJA KANNAN,** wife of Sri. Kannan, being the absolute co-owners, have agreed to sell the under mentioned property to my client. If any person/(s), including Bank, Financial Institution, Private Financier and all Statutory Authorities, claiming any right, interest, objections or charges on the under mentioned Schedule Property or any part thereof, is/are hereby required to contact me at my Office, **SLD LAW FIRM, No. D-307, Temple Trees Apartment, Kanakapura Main Road, JP Nagar 6th Phase, Bengaluru-560 078,** with documentary evidence, within **05 (Five)** days from the date of this publication, as otherwise the said sale will be completed without any reference or regard to any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived for all intents & purposes.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT the Residential Apartment bearing **Unit No. 1096 in Ninth Level (8th Floor)** in the project known as **"The Magic Faraway Tree", Phase 01,** measuring about **3554 Square Feet** of super built up area, including common areas and common amenities together with the right to use **Two Car Parking Spaces** allotted in the basement, having **175 Square Feet** of undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in **Property** i.e., Residential Converted Land bearing **Khatha No. 15/33/2(P)** formerly bearing **Survey No. 33/2** measuring **1 Acre 30 Guntas** and **Survey No. 32/1** measuring **3 Acres 22 Guntas**, totally measuring **5 Acres 12 Guntas** or **2,60,271 Square Feet,** situated at Talagattapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk,. Bounded on East by Survey No.32/1, West by Bengaluru to Kanakpura Main Road (Old Kanakanahalli Road), North by Survey No. 33/1 and South by Survey No. 34. Presently within the limits of BBMP, **Ward No. 198 - Hemmigepura,** having BBMP Khatha Property **No. 33/2/P/32/1/P/1096.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients Sri. D S Nagendra Rao, S/o. Sri. D S Sreekanta Rao & Sri. Suresh Devanahalli Rao, S/o. Sri. D S Sreekanta Rao, **(PURCHASERS)** intend to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property belonging to Smt. Vanitha. G, W/o. Sri. G. Arjun Naidu & Sri. G. Mahesh Kumar, S/o. Sri. G. Arjun Naidu **(OWNERS)** having title to the Schedule Property concerned as per the documents verified. The Schedule Property was purchased by Smt. Vanitha. G, W/o. Sri. G. Arjun Naidu & Sri. G. Mahesh Kumar, S/o. Sri. G. Arjun Naidu from Sri. Ashokareddy. A. S/o. Sri. Ashwathappa & Smt. Navya.N. W/o. Sri. Ashokareddy. A. vide Absolute Sale Deed dated 18.08.2022, registered as Document no. RRN-1-04219-2022-23 stored in CD No. RRND1129 at the Sub-registrar office situated at Jayanagar (Rajarajeshwari Nagar). The Owners have obtained sanction plan bearing license No. BBMP/CC/ 7608/22-23 and put-up construction of residential building of super built up area of **662.19 Square metres.**

Any person or persons asserting any rights, titles or claim in the Schedule Property in any manner or the documents thereof or objecting to such sale in favour of my clients should write to the undersigned within 7 days (Seven days) from the date of issuance of the Public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the Schedule Property. The claims and objections received thereafter will not be binding on our client and thereafter our clients shall proceed to purchase the schedule property as if there are no claimants/objections to the schedule property. If at all there are any claims and objections on the said Schedule Property and to notify the same, please contact **Trust Law- Advocates & Solicitors at 080-29913089.**

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of Vacant Residential Property bearing Site No. 1230, formed in Survey Nos. 77 to 90, 105 to 119/1, 5, 4 to 122, 147 to 165 and 273 the Layout formed by **"THE BEML EMPLOYEES HOUSE BUILDING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED"**, and the same was approved by the Bangalore Development Authority, situated at **3rd Stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, HALAGEVADERAHALLI Village,** Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and vide BDA Katha No.: BDA/RO(BEML)/1230/1989-90, dated: 07-07-1989, and present Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Katha No. **1190/1109/1230/1188,** and measuring East to West: 40'-0" feet and North to South: 59'-6" feet, total area **264.44 Sq. yards or 2380 Square feet,** including residential building thereon having super built-up area of **662.19 Square meters** and bounded as follows: **East by** : Site No. 1229, **West by** : Site No. 1231, **North by** : Road, **South by** : Site No. 1243.

Trust Law- Advocates & Solicitors

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my Client Sri H. K. Venkatesh S/o. Sri A. H. Krishnegowda aged about 49 Years No. 109/9, 1st Cross, 1st Main, Shiva Layout, Mariyappanapalya, Janabharati Post, Bangalore - 560 056, is the absolute owner and possessor of the schedule Property and during time of shifting the House on 10.05.2017 my client had lost the Original sale deed vide Doc. No. KEN-1-26546-2006-07 Book -1, CD No. KEND339 dated 21.10.2006 executed in favour of Sri A. H. Krishne Gowda, for which he searches the same in all places but he could not found it, hence he has made a police complaint on 29.06.2023 to the Jnanabharati Police Station, Bengaluru in this regard. Therefore the finder may kindly contact undersigned and the finder will also be suitably rewarded, if any Person, individual organization or financial institution having any claim, interest or demand of whatsoever nature in the said property may lodge his/ their/claims in respect of the property in subject writing to the undersigned with documentary evidence within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No. 9, Nagadevanahalli, V. P. Khatha No. 9, Kengeri CMC Khatha No. 109/9, situated at Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli Bangalore South Taluk, ad- measuring East to West 30 feet & North to South 40 feet in all measuring 1200 sq.feet, together with residential building constructed thereon along with all civic amenities and bounded on the East : Site No. 8, West : Site No. 10, North : Road, South : Site No. 6.

S. K. Law Associates
J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 078
Mobile No. 9900319932

LOST

I, **MARTHA,** W/o, James Sagayam, D/o. Late Anthony, aged about 50 years, Residing at, No.1/25, Christhupalayam, Marudhanahappli, Denkanikottai Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu-635107, have Lost my Original Sale Deed Registered Document No.985/1943, dated: 24-06-1943, Registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Palacode, Dharmapuri Taluk, in Sy. No.96/1, measuring to an extent of 2 acre 56 cents, situated at:Bommanahalli Village, Sub-Registrar, Palacode, Dharmapuri Taluk, Salem District, Tamil Nadu State, have filed a C-Missing Complaint bearing C-Miss No.153/2023, dated:28-06-2023, GSC No.PO1330230600433, founders report to the nearest Police Station.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
CENTRAL WORKSHOPS / PONMALAI - EXTRA DVISION

The following e-Tender are published in IREPS website. Firms are requested to Login to **http://www.ireps.gov.in-login> E.Tender-goods & services (new)** and quote against the tender. Manual quotations will not be entertained for the tender.

Tender No.: 68235726B

Description: Supply of Air Compressor (Water Cooled) for HHP Locomotives to EMD Part No.40017843/GD Model No. WL - NA9BB/ELGI Model No.RR66101W and to RDSO Specn. No.MP.O.07.00.14 to Latest revision, DLW Drg No. 40017843 Alt a. Accepted make: EMD/ GD/ELGI only for - 4 Nos.

Closing Date & Time: 05.07.2023 at 14.30 Hrs.

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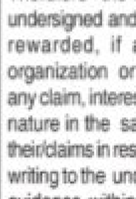

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Possession Notice Appendix IV (rule8 (1) of the SARFAESI Act

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Aptus Finance India Private Limited** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued **demand notice dated 29-09-2021 calling upon the borrowers 1.Mrs. Bhagya, 2.Mr. Murthy, 3.Mr. Srikanth and 4.Mrs. Nirmala to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being for SME Loan in Loan No: TYELAH0006814 of Rs.9,47,207/- (Rupees Nine Lacs Forty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Seven Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **"Symbolic Possession"** of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rule **on this 27th day of June 2023.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Aptus Finance India Private Limited for an amount of Rs. 8,37,084/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand and Eighty Four Only) as on 24.06.2023** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

Description of the Immovable property:-

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property Municipal Katha No. 87/79/782/724, situated at kubaru beedi, Ward No. 13, devanahalli Town, Bangalore Rural district Now comes under the limits of devanahalli TMC, measuring East to West 55 ft, North to south 19 ½ ft, in all totally measuring 1072.5 Sq.ft and bounded On of land with building and all other appurtenances attached to the property. **Boundaries: North By:** Property belongs to murali **South By:** Property belongs to byanna **East By:** Road **West By:** Property belongs to yarappa and thereafter road and Kaluve.

Date: 27.06.2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Devanahalli **Aptus Finance India Private Limited**

TAMIL NADU URBAN HABITAT DEVELOPMENT BOARD
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, NORTH CIRCLE - II
Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

1) **Name of Work: Reconstruction of 170 tenements (G + 4 and S + 6) adopting type design 99 A & B / 2022** including Internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements with development works at **Gangaikaraipuram scheme in Greater Chennai Corporation Division No. 113, Zone - IX under HFA - PMAY (AHP).**
(Tender Reference No. TNUHDB/75/D1/SE(NC-II)/2023)

2) **Name Of work: Reconstruction of 168 tenements (Stilt + 6 Storied) adopting type design 80 / 2022 and 81/ 2022** including Internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements with development works at **Badrikarai scheme in Greater Chennai Corporation Division No. 113, Zone - IX under HFA - PMAY (AHP).**
(Tender Reference No. TNUHDB/78/D1/SE(NC-II)/2023)

The tender has been floated for the above works by fixing the last date of Bid submission as **12:00 Noon on 28.06.2023** and the Bid opening date as **11:00 A.M on 30.06.2023. To facilitate the participation of more bidders, the last date of Bid Submission has been extended upto 12:00 Noon on 06.07.2023 and the Bid Opening date has been extended upto 3:00 PM on 07.07.2023.**

DIPR/ 3337 /TENDER/2023
Superintending Engineer
North Circle - II

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **IIFL Home Finance Limited** (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **IIFL HFL** for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon."The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, If the borrower clears the dues of the **"IIFL HFL"** together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by **"IIFL HFL"** and no further step shall be taken by **"IIFL HFL"** for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower (s) / Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mr. Sulanayakanahalli Prakashkumar, Mrs. Antharaghatte Basava Chaithra, **(Prospect No. IL10115897)**	All that piece and parcel of Property Bearing:- Apartment Flat No. 214, on 2Nd Floor, Carpet Area Ad Measuring 900 Sq.Ft.,comprised in Property No. 01,02,03 and 04, in Survey No. 48/3, Mahaveer Rich, Chikksandra Village, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, 560068. **Bounded By: East:** Passage, **West:** Duct, **North:** Flat No.212, **South:** Flat No.216.	**Rs.44,05,341/-** (Rupees Forty Four Lakh Five Thousand Three Hundred Forty One Only)	14-Dec-2022	26-June-2023

For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office:** "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025 **or Corporate Office:** Plot No.98, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place: Bangalore, Date: 30-06-2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

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ई-निविदा सूचना / E-TENDER NOTICE दिनांक/Dated : 26-06-2023

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु ई-निविदा द्वारा मद-दर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।
On Behalf of the President of India, item-rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for the following works:

क्र. सं. / Sl. No.	कार्यों के नाम [सिविल कार्य क्र.सं. 01, 02, 03, 04 व 05 : विद्युत् कार्य - क्र.सं. 06] / NAME OF THE WORKS [CIVIL WORKS - Sl.no: 01, 02, 03, 04 & 05 : ELECTRICAL WORKS - Sl.no: 06]	प्राक्कलित लागत / Estimated Cost ₹(लाखों में) (in Lakhs)	कार्य पूरा होने की अवधि / Period of completion	ईएमडी / EMD(₹)
1	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-43/ एमआई/ सीपीएच-13/2023-24	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-43/MI/CPH-13/2023-24		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के मुख्य भवन के प्रथम तल पर महिला विश्राम कक्ष का निर्माण। Construction of Ladies restroom at First floor of Main building at IPRC, Mahendragiri.	13.51	04 (चार महीने / Four Months)	27,100
2	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-44/ एमआई/ सीपीएच-14/2023-24	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-44/MI/CPH-14/2023-24		
	इसरो हाउसिंग कॉलोनी, नागरकोविल के लिए ओपन टाइप कार पार्किंग गराज का निर्माण। Construction of open type car parking garage for ISRO Housing colony, Nagercoil.	19.30	02 (दो महीने / Two Months)	38,600
3	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-49/ एमआई/ सीपीएच-17/2023-24	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-49/MI/CPH-17/2023-24		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के मुख्य प्रवेश-द्वार पर महिलाओ व पुरूषों के लिए शौचालय का निर्माण। Construction of Toilet for Ladies & Gents near Main entrance at IPRC, Mahendragiri.	18.68	03 (तीन महीने / Three Months)	37,400
4	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-51/ एमआई/ सीपीएच-18/2023-24	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-51/MI/CPH-18/2023-24		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के मुख्य भवन के प्रथम तल पर अभिलेख कक्ष व प्रलेखन कक्ष का निर्माण। Construction of Record room & Documentation room at First floor of Main building at IPRC, Mahendragiri.	22.13	05 (पाँच महीने / Five Months)	44,300
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Sebi set to rein in 'finfluencers'

Plans to restrict brokers, MFs entering into financial relations with unregistered 'finfluencers'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has decided to tighten the noose on erratic finfluencers (a term coined for financial influencers) who mislead retail investors by offering them biased investment advice.

The capital market regulator is planning to restrict stock exchanges, brokers and mutual funds to enter into financial relations with unregistered finfluencers. The regulator will bar stock exchanges, brokers and Mutual Funds (MFs) to advertise with unregistered finfluencers, paying them referral fees or sharing profits with them.

"We will float a consultation paper in a few months. One of the important elements in that will be the Regulated Entities such as exchanges, brokers and mutual funds, in any form, whether it is advertising or equity or profit sharing or referral fees or in any other form, they will not be able to keep relations with unregistered entities," Madhabi Puri Buch, chairperson, Sebi told reporters on late Wednesday night, replying to a query on the need to regulate finfluencers.

"We believe that if you are an entity regulated by us then your partners and your relations should also be regulated. You cannot advertise on channels or platforms of unregulated entities, you cannot pay them referral fees and cannot share your link with them. This will be a very important element of our consultation paper," she added.

The idea behind the regulator's planned move is to discourage finfluencers to offer investment advice by cutting their source of revenue from stock exchanges, brokers and mutual funds.

"Sebi's intention is not to regulate those finfluenceres who are teaching people about investing or creating general awareness about stock market and investment. The intention is to regulate those finfluencers and entities who are giving advice about stocks and portfolio recommendations through their social media platforms," a source told this newspaper.

The pressure has been mounting on Sebi to regulate the growing number of finlfluencers who have mushroomed over the past few years across the country. Most of them are unqualified offer investment advice to retail investors and are unregistered with the regulator. By offering investment advice, they earn huge money by way of commissions from companies and other entities. The dilemma with the Sebi is that they do not fall under its purview and have no jurisdiction over finfluencers.

With the number of such people thriving on social media platforms like Youtube, Instagram, Telegram, WhatsApp and Twitter in recent years, Sebi has been cautioning the public against falling into their advisory traps.

Finfluencers under Sebi lens

- Mutual funds, brokers, and exchanges will not be allowed to advertise on finfluencers' platforms
- Mutual funds, brokers, and exchanges will be barred from paying referral fees to finfluencers
- Finfluencers giving stock advice or portfolio recommendations to come under Sebi's radar.
- Sebi does not intend to regulate finfluencers who are only teaching people about investing.

Byju's says loan dispute will be resolved in a few weeks

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

Edtech firm Byju's co-founder and CEO Byju Raveendran on Thursday tried to clear the air and alleviate the panic by asking his team to "rise above the noise".

Since the announcement of layoffs, legal battle with lenders over $1.2 billion term loan B (TLB), exit of Deloitte and resignation of three prominent board members, there was an atmosphere of panic among employees.

The virtual town hall meeting went on for 45 minutes, and Raveendran acknowledged the challenges faced by the company and emphasised the team's talent, strength to overcome obstacles. He also told employees that the TLB dispute is being resolved through constructive discussions, and the company is confident about achieving a positive outcome in the next few weeks without court intervention. Since the chat function

was disabled during the meet, employees were asked to mail their questions and according to sources, Raveendran said he would answer each and every question addressed to him.

An employee on condition of anonymity said the co-founder did not mention anything about layoffs, bonus or PF.

Talking about the appointment of BDO as the company's statutory auditors for the next five years, Raveendran said it was a mutually agreed-upon decision and it was taken to focus on efficient and timely audits going forward. The edtech firm is yet to file its FY22 financial statements, and Deloitte had exited with immediate effect due to the delay in the filing of the results.

Raveendran also said the departures of three board members are unrelated to Deloitte's resignation. He assured that their exit was amicable and carried out with mutual understanding. It is said that the edtech firm's investors, including those represented by the departing Board members, continue to support its growth trajectory. The edtech firm recently lost board members representing Peak XV, Prosus and Chan Zuckerberg Initiative.

Raveendran also addressed the doubts raised about the viability of edtech as an industry post-covid and he highlighted the substantial growth projections for the global and Indian edtech markets, emphasising that edtech is not a 'pandemic phenomenon' but a permanent fixture in education.

RCap lenders vote in favour of Hinduja's ₹9,661 crore cash offer

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

LENDERS of debt-ridden Reliance Capital have voted overwhelmingly in favour of a resolution plan submitted by Hinduja Group firm IndusInd International Holdings Ltd (IIHL), which made the highest cash offer of ₹9,661 crore and was the lone bidder in the second round of auction.

As much as 99% votes were in favour of IIHL as lenders expected to recover cash upfront of ₹9,661 crore from the Hinduja Group entity, according to the sources. Voting on the IIHL resolution plan started on June 9 and ended on Thursday.

Besides, cash balance with Reliance Capital of over Rs 500 crore would also go to lenders.

Lenders are expected to receive about ₹10,200 crore for distribution as against ₹16,000 crore principal secured debt, resulting in 65 percent recovery for the lenders, sources said.

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The Committee of Creditors had set a minimum bid amount of ₹9,500 crore for the first round and ₹10,000 crore for the second round (in April this year), with an additional ₹250 crore for subsequent rounds.

The second round of auction was held on April 26 after the Supreme Court allowed the lenders to go ahead with the extended challenge mechanism in order to maximise the recovery from the sale of Reliance Capital's assets.

However, according to sources, any decision on the resolution of Reliance Capital by the CoC will be subject to the outcome of the SC's judgement in the appeal filed by Torrent Investments.

The resolution process of Reliance Capital was mired into litigation after the first round of auction.

Following the closure of the first round, the Hinduja Group firm submitted the bid post auction date. The post-auction bid is being contested by Torrent Investments in the Supreme Court as it was the highest bidder in the first round of auction. Reliance Capital is currently facing claims totaling Rs25,334 crore from secured and unsecured financial creditors under the IBC.

The approval of IIHL's resolution plan by the Committee of Creditors marks a significant step forward in the ongoing efforts to find a resolution for Reliance Capital.

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Jobs scam at TCS: 6 employees, 6 staffing firms banned, probe on

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

THE country's largest IT services company Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on Thursday at its annual general meeting informed shareholders that it has banned six employees and six business associate firms and an investigation is going on with three more employees.

For the first time, the company mentioned on record the banning of six employees with regard to the alleged jobs-for-bribe scam at the company. Earlier, in a BSE filing, it had said no key managerial person of the company has been found to be involved. TCS Chairman N Chandrasekaran said the company received two whistleblower complaints (one related to India, and another one related to US) towards February-end and March-end and both the complaints were investigated.

"The complaints were about certain favouritism being done and favours being received in recruitment of BAs (business associates)," he said.

He explained that the company has two departments -- one is the HR and talent acquisition, which hires people, and the second one is the Resource Allocation Group (RAG), which is about deployment of the available resources into projects. "Whenever there is a talent shortage or a particular skill that is not available at that point in time in the location where we need them, the company has a set of, we call them business associate firms, the firms to get contract employees," he added. "At any point in time in the overall deployment of resources, about 2-3% are such BA associates or contractors. And this complaint was related to certain individuals in the company working with certain BA firms to be recruiting in their favour," he informed.

Chandrasekaran also said that the investigation in India is done by a senior officer in the company and in the US market, they had an external firm to do that. He said they found six employees did not follow the ethical conduct. "While we cannot quantify what favours they got, they certainly behaved in a way that they were favouring certain firms," he said.

Coromandel to acquire majority stake in drone start-up Dhaksha

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

MURUGAPPA group's Coromandel International has acquired a majority stake in Chennai-based drone start-up Dhaksha Unmanned Systems.

Coromandel on Thursday announced it would additionally acquire a 32.68% equity stake in the start-up for ₹204 crore. With another 18.34% stakes already owned by Coromandel through its investment arm Dare Ventures Limited, it will hold 51% stakes in the start-up. Dhaksha is the only player in the country to receive type certificates from aviation regulator DGCA for three drone models in medium and small categories for agriculture and surveillance applications, according to a Murugappa group statement. It also

offers certified petrol engine-based hybrid agri drones. The company has been shortlisted under the production linked incentive (PLI) scheme for manufacturing of drones and drone components in 2022.

The acquisition is seen as a part of the agro-chemical manufacturer Coromandel's strategy to diversify from its core business. Dhaksha provides unmanned aerial systems (UAS) technology solutions across agriculture, defence and surveillance.

Housing sales hit new high in Apr-July qtr

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QUARTERLY housing sales has hit an an all-time high, with nearly 1,15,100 units sold in Q2 2023 (April-June) across the top 7 cities, according to latest data released by real estate consultancy firm ANAROCK.

This is a 36% year-on-year rise as against nearly 84,940 units sold back in Q2, 2022. This is also a minor increase that 1,13,780 units sold in preceding January-March quarter.

According to the report, demand for housing units remain strong despite spiralling home loan rates in recent past and global economic headwinds including layoffs by several large and small corporates.

Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) and Pune accounted for over 51% of the total sales in the top seven cities, with Pune witnessing the highest, 65% YoY jump. As many as 58,770 units were sold altogether in these cities.

Meanwhile, new launches across the top seven cities once again breached the 1 lakh mark and witnessed 25% YoY rise – from 82,150 units in Q2, 2022, to over 1,02,610 units in Q2, 2023. MMR and Pune again saw the maximum new supply, accounting for 63% of the total new launches across the top seven cities.

Anuj Puri, Chairman – ANAROCK Group, said, "The housing market is yet to feel the impact of the home loan rate hike early this year, and of the global economic headwinds. It continues to be on a roll with the momentum remaining strong even in the second quarter of 2023. Housing sales in the top seven cities broke the previous high record of Q1 2023 and stood more than 1.15 lakh units in Q2, 2023."

"Pune and MMR were the only two cities to see quarterly rise in housing sales – of 4% and 10% respectively while other cities saw some dip. But on yearly basis, most top seven cities saw significant jump in housing sales."

Meanwhile, average residential property prices across the top seven cities increased in the range of 6-10% in Q2,2023, when compared to Q2,2022, mainly because of increase in the prices of construction raw materials and overall rise in demand.

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Oil cos on fund raising spree for energy transition

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

OIL companies have been scurrying the equity market to meet expenses of energy transition they have set for themselves.

Recently, the board of state-run Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL) approved a rights issue for raising up to ₹18,000 crore, and other oil companies like Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) are likely to follow suit. As per the reports, the government directed IOCL and BPCL to launch rights issues, and HPCL to make a preferential share allotment to the government. And the companies together are likely to invest ₹3.5-4 lakh crore to achieve their net zero-emissions goals by 2040. To achieve the emission goal, a company will need a balance between the quantum of greenhouse gases it places into the atmosphere and the amount it takes out.

Last week BPCL said that the funds will be used to achieve energy transition, net zero and energy security objectives. The company has set up short-term and long-term goals to achieve the net zero target by 2040.

It targets to reach 1 gigawatt (GW) of renewables by 2025 and 10 GW by 2040. Besides, the company also signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Rajasthan government to set up a 1 GW renewable energy (RE) power plant in the state.

Indian Oil Corporation, India's largest oil marketing company, has also resolved to achieve net-zero operational emissions by 2046. The company's decarbonisation plans encompass both Scope 1 & 2 emissions.

EXPRESS READ

Import of cigarette lighters under ₹20 barred

NEW DELHI: The government on Thursday prohibited imports of cigarette lighters if price per unit is less than ₹20. "Import policy of cigarette lighters...is revised from 'free' to 'prohibited'. However, import shall be free if CIF value is ₹20 or above per lighter," Directorate General of Foreign Trade said in a notification. *PTI*

ITU accepts India's inputs on 6G framework

NEW DELHI: UN body International Telecom Union has accepted India's inputs on 6G technology framework, indicating its crucial role in development of next-generation high-speed technology, an official statement said on Thursday. PM Modi released India's 6G Vision "Bharat 6G Vision" document in March. *PTI*

Vedanta Aluminium recognized as highest exporter of containerised cargo in TEUs

Jharsuguda: Vedanta Aluminium has been recognized as the highest exporter of containerised cargo in Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) through Haldia Dock Complex by the Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Port (Formerly Kolkata Port Trust) for the year 2022-23. The company was conferred on award for this achievement by Shri. Santanu Thakur, Honourable Minister of State for Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, during a trade felicitation meet held recently at Kolkata. Demonstrating exceptional capabilities in logistics, cargo handling, multi-modal efficiency and extensive connectivity to ports, Vedanta Aluminium, Jharsuguda, received the award for shipping over 1.4 lakh tonnes of containerised cargo using 6100 TEUs to over 30 countries and 50 ports across the world during FY23.

Business & Beyond

Punjab State Power Corporation launches campaign against menace of electricity theft

The campaign launched by Punjab State Power Corporation Limited against the menace of theft of electricity in Punjab is achieving great success with good results. A spokesman of PSPCL disclosed that PSPCL has imposed a fine for rupees 31.81 lakh on 71 consumers for theft of electricity and other violations for unauthorised use of electricity . PSPCL enforcement teams of Amritsar, Bathinda, Jalandhar, Ludhiana and Patiala circles along with Police officials have checked the premises of 683 consumers of different areas of the circles on June 23,2023. Spokesman said that during joint raids by the different enforcement teams has checked the premises of 247 consumers under Suburban Samrala and Khamano areas under Patiala circle.

9th International Day of Yoga celebrated at NSIC

Shri Subhas Chandra Lal Das, Secretary (MSME), along with Dr. Rajneesh (AS & DC), (MSME) Smt. Mercy Epao, CMD, NSIC, Shri Kartikeya Sinha, Director (P&M), Shri Gaurav Gulati, Director (Finance), Shri Vipul Goel, JS (ARI) and Sh. Ateesh Kumar Singh (JS-AFI) celebrated 9th International Day of Yoga- 2023 (Theme: Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam) at NSIC Corporate Office, New Delhi on 21st June, 2023. All NSIC field offices across country celebrated enthusiastically with Mass Yoga Demonstration following Common Yoga Protocol.

Former World No 1 Wozniacki to come out of retirement

Caroline Wozniacki, a former World No 1 and the 2018 Australian Open champion, announced on Thursday that she is returning to competition three years after she retired. The U.S. Tennis Association said it will grant her a wild-card invitation to participate in the U.S. Open.

Diamond-class field on Neeraj's return

All eyes on Olympic champ as he makes a comeback after groin strain; world's top throwers part of Lausanne event

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

IT'S not easy to make a comeback from injuries, even if it is just a niggle or a muscle strain like Neeraj Chopra's. The Olympic champion had to pull out of the FBK Games due to a groin strain in May after the Doha Diamond League. Fortunately, rehabilitation was smooth and he has recovered in time for the Lausanne Diamond League on Friday. In between training, rehabilitation and now competing, he ascended the world ranking throne for the first time in May. Another athlete who is looking forward to this event is M Sreeshankar, who has the second best jump in the world this season.

All eyes, however will be more on Neeraj and his fitness. Now as world's No 1 javelin thrower among men, Neeraj, who topped the chart at Doha DL, will be looking to do an encore at Lausanne. Going by his coach Klaus Bartonietz, he is hundred per cent fit and raring to go. His team – coach and physio Ishaan Marwaha – reached Lausanne on Wednesday and are looking

Neeraj Chopra (L) and M Sreeshankar ahead of Lausanne Diamond League | TWITTER

forward to the meet. Not because he is coming back from injury but because it has some of the top names in javelin.

"Recently, I sustained a muscle strain during my training. Following a medical evaluation, my team and me decided to avoid any risks which can aggravate the injury," the 25-year-old thrower had informed in May. Neeraj has been training in Switzerland since last month after Antalya. The centre — National Training Centre —at Magglingen is 110km away from Lausanne. Before the season, Neeraj and his team were planning to compete in one or two events like Kourtane Games before Lausanne, but it could not be followed because of the injury. He might participate at the Monaco DL next.

Coach Klaus felt that the field is very strong and is more or less like what they will be expecting at Budapest in August. It's like the World Championships with all top throwers part of the meet. Jakub Vadlejch of Czech Republic, who finished behind Neeraj at the Doha, had thrown the spear to 89.51m at Paavu Nurmi Games on June 13. At Doha, he managed 88.63m as against Neeraj's 88.67m and the 32-year-old's personal best is 90.88m.

Jakub is not the only challenge. Julian Weber of Germany, who finished fourth at Doha and had quite a few competitions in between, improved to 88.37 on May 28 at International Pentecost Sport Meeting Rehlingen, Bungertstadion, Rehlingen. World champion, Grenada's Anderson Peters, has had a modest season so far with the best effort of 85.88m at Doha. Compared to last season when he managed 93.07m and ended with 90.54m at his penultimate event (world championships in Eugene), this year must be considered modest. Keshorn Walcott of Trinidad and Tobago is another thrower who will be trying to match his personal best of 90.16m. The 30-year-old London Olympic champion has had a best of 85.85m. Another thrower who is capable of throwing up a surprise is Oliver Helander who has had a best of 87.32m this season. On the world rankings it shows: Neeraj, Anderson Peters, Jakub, Weber in the top four. The weather on Thursday was fine and even if it rains, it is expected to be before Friday evening.

The long jump arena may spring a surprise too. Sreeshankar has had the second best long jump of 8.41 this year behind Jeswin Aldrin's 8.42m. However, it won't be easy with Greece's Miltiadis Tentoglou and Simon Ehammer – the world championships silver and bronze medalists last year — in the fray. Tentoglou's season's best is 8.34m (PB 8.60m) and Ehammer has 8.32m (PB: 8.45m). With the Worlds getting closer, expect some good records at Lausanne.

"He is in very good shape," said Murali, Sreeshankar's father and coach. Sreeshankar and his coach have been training at the same centre as Neeraj for a week. They are expected to leave for the Asian Athletics Championhsips in Bangkok from Switzerland.

Vinesh and Bajrang set for overseas training

ENS @Chennai

OLYMPIC bronze medallist Bajrang Punia and multiple World Championships medallist Vinesh Phogat will be heading abroad for training. As reported by this newspaper, the protesting wrestlers had written to the Sports Authority of India to train abroad, particularly in the United States. However, due to some impediments the two have decided to go to two different places. They are set to leave in the first week of July.

Bajrang will be heading to Issyk-Kul in Kyrgystan along with his sparring partner Jitender Kinha and coach Sujeet Maan and support staff, said a Sports Authority of India statement. "The duo sent in their proposals to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) TOPS team and the same was cleared within 24 hrs of their request," said SAI. Interestingly, Sangeeta Phogat who is Bajrang's wife has competes in different weight category than Vinesh will be her sparring partner and they will head to Kyrgystan first before going to Tata in Hungary.

"While Olympic medalist Bajrang Punia will head out to Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan for 36 days training camp, World Championships medalist Vinesh Phogat will first head out to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan for a week of training then to Tata, Hungary for 18 days of training camp," said SAI.

"Vinesh will be accompanied by physiotherapist Ashwini Jeevan Patil, sparring partner Sangeeta Phogat and Coach Sudesh," said SAI.

Apart from his coach, Bajrang will be accompanied by physiotherapist Anuj Gupta and strength and conditioning expert Kaazi Hasan. Their expenses will be borne by OGQ.

The government will fund Vinesh, Bajrang, their sparring partners Sangeeta Phogat and Jitender and coaches Sudesh and Sujeet Maan's air tickets, board and lodging cost, camp expenses, etc.

EXPRESS READ

Shooter Saurabh tops pistol trials

NEW DELHI: Former World No 1 Saurabh Chaudhary's welcome return to the winner's circle was the highlight of the penultimate day of the national selection trials 5 & 6 for Group A rifle and pistol shooters. Fellow Olympian Manu Bhaker also registered back-to-back wins, while Paris 2024 quota winner Swapnil Kusale, notched up the men's 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) T6 winner's title. Saurabh won the men's 10m air pistol T5 trials and Manu was victorious in the women's 10m air pistol T5 competition.

Spurs buy Maddison from Leicester

PARIS: Tottenham Hotspur on Wednesday completed the signing of James Maddison from relegated Leicester in a deal worth 40 million pounds (46.3m euros) plus add-ons. The 26-year-old England international signed a five-year deal. Maddison began his career with Coventry City before joining Norwich City in January, 2016. He moved to Leicester in 2018 and in five seasons made 203 appearances, scored 55 goals and helped win the FA Cup.

Cyclist convicted in sexual abuse case

BERLIN: A former champion cyclist who won two gold medals at the 1976 Olympics has been convicted by a German court in a child sexual abuse case. Gregor Braun was found guilty on Wednesday by a regional court in the southwestern city of Tuebingen of sexually abusing a child, soliciting the serious sexual abuse of a child and soliciting the production of abuse imagery in several cases.

HI appoints Upton as mental conditioning coach

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

A FEW months after former India coach Graham Reid implored Hockey India (HI) to appoint a mental conditioning coach, HI have acted upon his request by bringing on board celebrated mental coach Paddy Upton. After the hosts suffered a shock defeat at the hands of New Zealand in a World Cup knockout game in January, when asked if the team would benefit from a mental trainer, Reid had said: "... we need to do something different perhaps. Following this, we will work on how we can get a mental coach involved. I think that is an important part for the future of the team.

"I have been in this game for a long time and I know what other teams are doing. If there is anything necessary, a silver bullet out there, I do think that (is) mentally."

The new chief coach, Craig Fulton, welcomed the idea of a mental coach for his side after his appointment. So, HI approached Upton, who was with the men's cricket team when they won the 50-over World Cup in 2011. "I am honoured to be given this opportunity," Upton said in a press release. "I have witnessed the tremendous growth of Indian hockey in recent years, and I am excited to contribute to the team's success by enhancing their mental resilience and psychological skill set." The South African will be with the side for the Asian Champions Trophy as well as the Asian Games.

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Selection trials going on

The senior men's team began a two-day selection trial at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) campus in Bengaluru on Thursday. The trial will form the basis for the squad the management will name for the next two events — a four-nation invitational event in Spain in late July as well as the ACT in Chennai in the first two weeks of August.

It remains to be seen whether HI will name two different squads for the events. The buzz is that it could be a mix and match team for both events with players not picked for the Spain meet heading to Chennai a week or so before the ACT which begins on August 3. The team selected for the event in Spain will depart for Terrassa around July 16. They will play Spain on July 25 followed by matches against Netherlands on July 26 and England on July 28.

Most state units at Brij Bhushan meet, say will write to PM

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

THE unofficial meeting of state wrestling associations scheduled in New Delhi on Thursday turned out to be morale booster for the sidelined Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. At least one representative from almost all state units were in attendance in the gathering which first began at Brij Bhushan's residence and later headed for a posh hotel in the vicinity.

"All state units decided to apprise the Prime Minister, home minister and other authorities concerned of the issues ailing Indian wrestling. We will write to PM, HM and others informing them about the fallouts of the ongoing mess," one of the office-bearers from a state unit, who was present in the meeting, told this daily. The members, whose names have been sent to returning officer for preparation of the electoral college for WFI election, also decided to stay united. "Efforts were made to break us when the election process was on. A few of us received calls from various government agencies forcing us to include names of their individuals in the electoral college. We didn't budge and today we have once again vowed that we will not give up," said another office-bearer. The gathering stayed in the hotel for around one-and-a-half-hours and had lunch while discussing the way forward. Most of them left the national capital soon after the informal meeting got over.

"You cannot make other wrestlers to suffer just because a few protesting grapplers have been promised something by a top government official. No national camps have been held so far, forcing wrestlers to train at their respective akhadas. This will have a big impact on our wrestlers' performance in the upcoming events like Asian Games and World Championships. The aim is to get the federation functional in the best interest of wrestlers," said another office-bearer.

Trials announcement after OCA reply

Meanwhile, the ad-hoc committee formed by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to run the day-to-day affairs of the WFI, met national coaches including Jagminder Singh (men's freestyle), Hargobind Singh (Greco-Roman) and Virender Dahiya (women's wrestling) in Meerut (Uttar Pradesh) on Thursday afternoon.

As was reported by this daily, the coaches spoke against the one-bout trials proposed by the panel for the protesting wrestlers. However, panel member Bhupender Singh Bajwa assured them that a decision in this regard can be taken only after Olympic Council of Asia's reply on IOA's request to extend the date of filing final entries for the Asian Games.

"Discussion was held on U-17 Worlds scheduled next month and support staff who will accompany the team. On selection trials for Asiad and Worlds, Bajwa said a call can be taken only reply from the OCA," said a source in the know of developments.

Security boost for Wimbledon

AGENCIES @London

THE All England Club has increased its security plans for Wimbledon in coordination with London police and other agencies ahead of the beginning of play next week, in part as a result of protests at other major sports venues in Britain this year.

On Wednesday in London, environmental activists ran onto the field and briefly disrupted play about five minutes after the start of the second Ashes cricket test between England and Australia.

"Based on what has happened at other sporting events, and on the advice from our key partners, we have reviewed our security plans, which have now been uplifted for The Championships accordingly," All England Club operations director Michelle Dite said Thursday.

Sean Williams inspires Zimbabwe to victory

AGENCIES @Bulawayo

ZIMBABWE eked out a narrow 14-run win over Oman to stay on course to punch their World Cup ticket to India. After a Sean Williams-inspired ton lifted the hosts to 332/7 in their 50 overs, one would have assumed this was a job well done. But Oman, who now have zero points from three Super Six games, remained within striking distance all the way through before ultimately losing by 14 runs. The win means they are now at six points, four clear of third-placed Scotland and Netherlands.

Zimbabwe, who were asked to bat first, had made a cautious start before they lost both their openers with 48 on the board after 13 overs. There after, it was the Williams show as he notched up his third 100 of the tournament, after centuries against Nepal and USA in the first phase of the tournament. He was ably supported by Sikandar Raza who made 42. Oman's Fayyaz Butt picked up a four-wicket haul but conceded 79.

Chassing 333, they needed somebody to go big and that's what Kashyap Prajapati did as the opener scored 103 off just 97 deliveries. There were some cameos at the other end but they left too much to do at the end. **Brief scores:** Zimbabwe 332/7 in 50 ovs (Williams 142, Raza 42, Jongwe 43 n.o; Butt 4/79) bt Oman 318/9 in 50 ovs (Prajapati 103, Ilyas 45, Ayaan 47; Chatara 3/73, Muzarabani 3/57).

Hard-fought win for Kings in GCL

AGENCIES @Dubai

THE Triveni Continental Kings secured a hard-fought victory with a score of 10-9 against the Chingari Gulf Titans in a tense round eight match of the league, led by a crucial win from substitute player Sara Khadem.

Ganges Grandmasters made an important comeback after two losses, defeating Balan Alaskan Knights with 8:7.

Titans' Shakhriyar Mamedyarov defeated Yu Yangyi as Black.

Then, Nihal Sarin defeated Jonas Buhl Bjerre after White made a mistake in the endgame, bringing the Titans' advantage to eight points.

It seemed like the Kings were once again heading towards a difficult situation. However, fortune smiled upon them as Levon Aronian seized his advantage against Duda and confidently brought his opponent to defeat.

Duleep Trophy: North Zone on top

AGENCIES @Bengaluru

NISHANT Sindhu and Harshit Rana carved hundreds of different shades to power North Zone to a massive 540/8 in the first innings, constructing a foundation for their bowlers to solidify that superiority over North East Zone on the second day of the Duleep Trophy quarterfinal here. North East were 65 for 2, 475 runs in arrears, when bad light and rain forced an early closure to their first dig on Thursday.

North Zone's travel to ascendancy began when Sindhu, overnight 76, moved on smoothly to his third first-class hundred with a single to mid-off to Dippu Sanfma.

Sindhu (150, 245 balls, 18x4, 3x6) lost his partner Pulkit Narang in the first hour itself,

North Zone batters Nishant Sindhu and Harshit Rana scored centuries on Day 2 | PTI

but NE zone had little respite as Harshit Rana (122 off 86 balls, 12x4, 9x6) came in carrying a destructive mood.

Both Sindhu, 19, and Rana, 21, have been highly-rated in the domestic circuit, evidenced from them getting IPL contracts with Chennai Super Kings and Kolkata Knight Riders, respectively.

Central take charge

ALUR: After a shabby batting effort, Central Zone came roaring back into the match bowling out East Zone for 122 in their first innings to enjoy a healthy lead of 124 runs in the other quarterfinal clash.

Central closed the day at 64 for no loss in their second innings. They were bundled out for 182 in their first innings on Wednesday after pacer Murasingh bagged five wickets.

Pacer Avesh Khan and left-arm spinner Saurabh Kumar shared six wickets equally among them.

Brief scores

At Bengaluru: North Zone 540/8d (Shorey 135, Sindhu 150, Rana 122 n.o; Singha 2/74) vs North East Zone 65/3 (Lamichaney 35 n.o). At Alur: Central Zone 182 & 64/0 (Vivek 34 n.o, Himanshu 25 n.o) vs East Zone 122 (Parag 33, Murasingh 30; Avesh 3/34, Saurabh 3/46).

Hooks stir hosts after happy start

AFP @London

AUSTRALIA preyed on England's determination to stick to aggressive 'Bazball' cricket as several batsmen fell into a hooking trap during the second Test at Lord's on Thursday.

England, enjoying the best batting conditions of the match, were well placed at 188-1 in reply to Australia's first innings 416, with the visitors' spin bowler, Nathan Lyon, off the field with a calf injury.

But England slumped to 222-4 as Australia bowled bouncers with as many as four men deep on the legside — a tactic that could scarcely have been more obvious had it been signalled in neon lights.

However, at stumps on the second day they had recovered to 278-4 following an unbroken

England opener Ben Duckett in action on Day 2 against Australia | AFP

stand of 56 between Harry Brook (45 not out) and captain Ben Stokes (17 not out).

The pair had come together after England lost three wickets for 34 runs. England vice-captain Ollie Pope holed out off towering all-rounder Cameron Green after a brisk 42.

Ben Duckett had batted superbly to move to within sight of a maiden Ashes hundred.

But having had a few near misses with risky hooks, the left-handed opener fell for 98 when he pulled Josh Hazlewood straight to David Warner.

Joe Root, the world's top-ranked Test batsman, could have been out caught behind on one when gloving a hook off Green, only to be reprieved by a no-ball. But he fell for 10 when suckered into pulling a short ball from express quick Mitchell Starc, with Steve Smith taking a low running catch.

Smith had earlier returned to form with a well-made 110 after managing just 22 runs in two innings during Australia's thrilling two-wicket win in the first Test at Edgbaston.

Brief scores: Australia 416 in 100.4 ovs (Smith 110; Robinson 3/100, Tongue 3/98) vs England 278/4 in 61 ovs (Duckett 98, Crawley 48).

The UK government hailed a decision by ChatGPT creator OpenAI to open its first office outside the United States in London. California-based software firm announced it had chosen the British capital as part of its expansion

INDIA- U.S. INITIATIVE

Opening the critical, emerging tech door

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

One of the highlights of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent US visit was his discussion with US President Joe Biden on the India-US Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET). Both the leaders identified iCET as the pivot with which the two countries can take their technical cooperation to the next level. At a broader level, New Delhi and Washington seek to reap strategic and economic benefits through meaningful collaboration with each other. Under the tech partnership, India and the US will coordinate on science and tech research, civilian space, quantum technology, and semiconductor supply chains, among others.

What is iCET?

The esoteric-sounding term, coined in May 2022 when Modi and Biden announced the initiative in Tokyo, simply means partnership between Indian and US governments, private sector, institutions and academia to foster progress in strategic, emerging and complex technologies.

Under iCET, there will be technology partnerships and defence industrial cooperation between government, businesses and academic institutions of the two countries. Both India and the US have said they are committed to fostering an open, accessible, and secure technology ecosystem, based on mutual trust and confidence.

Context and relevance

The strategic collaboration comes at a time when many businesses are focusing on AI, biotech and space. After the inaugural meeting held in Washington, DC in January 2023, both the countries discussed opportunities for greater cooperation in critical and emerging technologies. The US and India underlined their commitment to working to resolve issues related to regulatory barriers and business and talent mobility in both countries through a standing mechanism under iCET in January this year. At the Washington meeting, led by NSA Ajit Doval and his American counterpart Jake Sullivan, both sides noted the value of establishing innovation bridges in key sectors, including through expos, hackathons, and pitch sessions. They also identified the fields of biotechnology, advanced materials, and rare earth processing technology for future cooperation.

Progress so far

Before PM Modi's visit to the US, Doval and Sullivan reviewed the progress of iCET. Sullivan, who flew down to New Delhi, said one of the key focuses of iCET is to remove barriers to collaboration from both sides so as to exploit the full potential of bilateral cooperation. He said leading firms are looking to make investments in both directions. "The US and India are poised to lead in clean energy transformation, shore up and diversify global semiconductor supply chains and supply chains in other critical goods, and lead the revolution in AI, advanced computing, biotech and quantum," he added. After Modi's meeting with Biden, both the leaders called on governments, businesses, and academic institutions to realise their shared vision for the strategic technology partnership. In the meeting, it was said that the US and India will sustain and grow quantum training and exchange programmes and work to reduce barriers to US-India research collaboration. $2-million grant programme was launched for the joint development and commercialisation of AI and quantum technologies, and encouraged public-private collaborations to develop high performance computing facilities in India.

UNDERSTANDING QUANTUM COMPUTING

1. Quantum computers are smaller than our regular systems and require less energy. Quantum computing use the laws of quantum mechanics
2. To lead in quantum computing, countries should build their own intellectual capacity and IP in quantum
3. Last year, IBM launched 400 qubit-plus quantum processor and announced that its new 433 qubit 'Osprey' processor brings us a step closer to the point where quantum computers will be able to tackle previously unsolvable problems
4. The basic information unit is conventionally the 'bit'. Each bit can have the value of '0' or '1'. However, in quantum computing, qubit or the quantum bit—a two level quantum system—is used. Qubit can be represented as '0' and '1' or a combination of '0' and '1' in a superposition (ability to be in multiple states at the same time)
5. Many companies and institutions are working on quantum computing including Google, Intel, Honeywell, Microsoft IBM, and others
6. In case of quantum computing, experts have raised concerns about cybersecurity. Quantum computers can solve algorithms behind encryption keys which help in protecting our data

FOCUS AREAS

- Partnership between the US-based National Science Foundation and Indian science agencies to expand international collaboration in a range of areas —including AI, quantum technologies, and advanced wireless.
- Indo-US Quantum Coordination Mechanism with participation from industry, academia, and government to facilitate research and industry collaboration.
- Promoting collaboration on High Performance Computing.
- Developing a new bilateral Defence Industrial Cooperation Roadmap to accelerate technological cooperation between both countries for the joint development and production.
- Launching a new Innovation Bridge that will connect US & Indian defence startups

'Generative AI is a win-win for business and clients'

INTERVIEW

NACHIKET DESHPANDE

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

Generative AI, or generative artificial intelligence, is a form of machine learning that can produce text, video, images, and other types of content on demand. The technology is new, still evolving and is immensely popular. The niche space is already getting crowded with ChatGPT, GPT-4, AlphaCode, Bard, GitHub Copilot, etc.

Last week, LTIMindtree launched its own generative AI platform, Canvas.ai. In an interaction with TNIE, Nachiket Deshpande, wholetime director and chief operating officer, explains how generative AI can help organisations become autonomous enterprises. Excerpts:

● What is Canvas.ai and how will this help your clients?

Canvas.ai is among the first-of-its-kind generative AI platform that solves three key concerns that enterprises are facing in their journey to adopting the technology – data privacy and security, mindful AI adoption, and institutionalisation of the technology.

Canvas.ai keeps the data being trained for model and consumption within the private container of the enterprise, preventing it from being leaked or manipulated. It ensures data security.

The platform is built on the principles of mindful AI ensuring that the co-pilots are use case- and domain-specific.

The responsible AI layer restricts random prompts and prevents the contamination and misuse of the model, always keeping it in pristine conditions.

In effect, the restriction brings down the total cost of operations, which otherwise has an additive effect for every query raised.

The third part is the consumption layer. Enterprises can plug in Canvas.ai into any process such as ServiceNow for an employee-facing web use case, Salesforce for customer journey or SAP for supply chain-related journeys with ease.

● Are you planning to upskill your employees on AI? How many are being trained on Canvas.ai?

We are already driving many elements of AI and helping our customers to accelerate their digital transformation journeys with our differentiated offerings.

Specific to Canvas.ai, we have built a 250-member strong Generative AI Centre of Excellence.

We are currently in the process of training 2,500 data scientists, cloud experts, and domain and technology consultants on Generative AI. In addition, we have rolled out a plan to upskill every employee in the company on the technology, through our learning and development arm called Shoshin learning pathways.

● What is the future of AI, especially generative AI, from the IT services industry's perspective?

As mentioned earlier, there are three key concerns that organisations are trying to address. Canvas.ai is endowed with a consumption layer that leverages well-architected framework and sound governance measures to effectively manage proprietary and industry- and domain-specific data, making the output contextual and relevant.

It factors the ethical use of the data while remaining mindful of privacy and security. The platform caters to the business requirements of creators who build the generative AI solutions, admins who manage, and users who consume governed generative AI solutions.

We have established Generative AI Studios across eight LTIMindtree locations globally.

These studios provide a sandbox environment that allows clients to co-create, co-innovate and co-pilot use cases, before rolling it out enterprise wide.

Public Notice For E-Auction For Sale Of Immovable Properties

Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No. 98, UdyogVihar, Phase-IV, Gurgaon-122015 (Haryana) and **Branch Office at :** "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025"under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002(hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Auhorized Officer ("AO") of IIFL-HFL had taken the possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued U/S 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization ofIIFL-HFL's dues, The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the **website:www.bankeauctions.com.**

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset	Date of Physical Possession	Reserve Price
1. Mr. Sree Kumar Punnia Murthy 2.Mrs.Shalini Vadana Ruban (Prospect No 717875)	28-Feb-2019 Rs.23,91,243/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Ninety One Thousand Two Hundred Forty Three Only). Bid Increase Amount Rs. 40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearingApartment No. A4-332, 3rd Floor, along with one covered car parking, Block No. A, Building "VbhcVaibhava", HGollahalli Gram Panchayat, situated at Doddabele Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore south Taluk Bangalore-560060 **(Built up area admeasuring 750 sq. ft.)**	16-June-2023. Total Outstanding as On Date 01-June-2023 Rs.30,53,687/- (Rupees Thirty Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Seven Only)	Rs. 27,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Only). Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 2,70,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Seventy Thousand Only)

Date of Inspection of property	EMD Last Date	Date/ Time of E-Auction
31-July-2023 1100 hrs -1400 hrs.	02-Aug-2023 till 5 pm.	04-Aug-2023 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.

Mode Of Payment :- EMD payments are to be made vide online mode only. To make payments you have to visit https://www.bankeauctions.com and pay through link available for the property/ Secured Asset only.
Note: Payment link for each property/ Secured Asset is different. Ensure you are using link of the property/ Secured Asset you intend to buy vide public auction.
For balance payment, upon successful bid, has to pay through RTGS/NEFT. The accounts details are as follows: a) Name of the Account:- IIFL Home Finance Ltd., b) Name of the Bank:- Standard Chartered Bank, c) Account No:-9902879xxxxx followed by Prospect Number, d) IFSC Code:-SCBL0036001, e) Bank Address: Standard Chartered Bank, 90 M.G. Road, Fort, Mumbai-400001.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-

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4. The purchaser has to bear the cess, applicable stamp duty, fees, and any other statutory dues or other dues like municipal tax, electricity charges, land and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoings relating to the property.
5. Bidders are advised to go through the website https: //bankeauctions.com and https://www.iifl.com/home-loans/properties-for-auction for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale & auction application form before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
6. **For details, help procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the service provider E mail ID:- support@bankeauctions.com, Support Helpline Numbers:@7291981124/25/26.**
7. **For any query related to Property details, Inspection of Property and Online bid etc. call IIFL HFL toll free no. 1800 2672 499 from 09:30 hrs to 18:00 hrs between Monday to Friday or write to email:- auction.hl@iifl.com**
8. Notice is hereby given to above said borrowers to collect the household articles, which were lying in the secured asset at the time of taking physical possession within 7 days, otherwise IIFL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of property under the circumstances.
9. Further the notice is hereby given to the Borrower\s, that in case they fail to collect the above said articles same shall be sold in accordance with Law.
10. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited (including EMD) and the property will be again put to sale.
11. AO reserves the rights to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and condition of tender/auction without assigning any reason thereof. In case of any dispute in tender/Auction, the decision of AO of IIFL-HFL will be final.

STATUTARY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8 (6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Tender/Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Place:- Bangalore, Date: 30-June-2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, IIFL Home Finance Limited.**

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1. Mr. Ramesh R 2.Mrs.Nagarathnamma (Prospect No 903403)	10-Oct-2022 Rs.12,16,555/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Five Only). Bid Increase Amount Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Property No. 432/298, Total Area Ad Measuring 1,200 Sq.Ft., 7th Cross Lohith Nagar, Basavanahalli Grama, Kasaba Hobli Nelamangalla Taluk Bangalore , Bangalore Rural, 561213, Karnataka, India. **(Land area admeasuring 1530 sq. ft.)**	19-June-2023. Total Outstanding as On Date 01-June-2023 Rs.12,22,311/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Three Hundred Eleven Only)	Rs. 58,14,000/- (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakh Fourteen Thousand Only). Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 5,81,400/- (Rupees Five Lakh Eighty One Thousand Four Hundred Only)

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Place:- Bangalore Rural, Date: 30-June-2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, IIFL Home Finance Limited.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mr. Sukumar S Residing at No. #E-74/1 Near Poliyogare Factory, Shushruthi Nagar, Heggenahalli Cross Bangalore North Bangalore - 560091, I have lost my Original Registered Confirmation deed bearing Doc. No. 2358/2018-19 dated on 27.09.2018 and Original Registered Confirmation deed bearing Doc.No.2401/2018-19 dated on 28.09.2018 for property bearing Site No.110A, Old Assessment No.33 and New No.33/2, situated at Andrahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk and Original Registered sale Deed bearing Doc. No. 3364/2014-15 dated on 23.09.2014 For property bearing Eastern portion of Site No.110, Khatha No.855, Old Assessment No.33 and New Assessment No.33/2, situated at Andrahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk presently within the limits of BBMP Ward No.40 and Bounded on, While taking photocopy in Xerox Shop.
If Any person/Institution has any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and document, the said claims along-with Supporting document shall be filed with undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. Any claim raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.

Deepa A.M, Advocate, KAR/474/2012
No.6, 80 Feet Road, Chandra Layout, Bangalore-560040.
Bangalore Dated: 29.06.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that my Client Mr. Muniraju .R is mortgaging the said Property bearing Eastern side of Khatha No.17, measuring East to West 26 feet and North to South 27 feet, totally measuring 702 Sq feet Situated at Ramachandrapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently within the limits of BBMP to Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd.
If any person having right, title, interest or Objection in the schedule property must notify they undersigned documentary proof, there on Within 14 days of this publication failing which it shall be deemed that the schedule property is not encumbrance and my client shall proceed within transaction.

Deepa A.M, Advocate, KAR/474/2012
No.6, Bhumika, 80 Feet Road,
Chandra Layout, Bangalore-560040.
Bangalore Dated: 29.06.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mrs. Anusha .K Residing at No.237 Jakkasandra Bangalore Rural - 562123 I have lost my Original Registered sale deed bearing Doc.No.2694/1979-80 dated on 17.11.1979 for Property bearing Sy.No.71/2, measuring East to West 25 feet or 7.62 meters and North to South 30 feet or 9.14 meters, Situated at Matadahalli Village, Muneshwara B Block, Corporation 46th Division, Bangalore City. While shifting the house
If Any person/Institution has any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and document, the said claims along-with Supporting document shall be filed with undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. Any claim raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.

Deepa A.M, Advocate, KAR/474/2012
No.6, 80 feet Road, Chandra Layout,
Bangalore - 560040.
Bangalore Dated: 29.06.2023

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SALE NOTICE FOR THE SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable assets under SARFAESI Act, 2002, R/w rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers, Co borrowers and Guarantors that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd., will be sold on 19-07-2023 "AS IS WHERE IS" "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION" for recovery of below mentioned amount due to Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd., from the following borrowers.

Borrower/s & Guarantor/s Name & Address Total Due + Interest from	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)
1. MOHAMMED ANEESARAFATH KHAN S/O. MOHAMMED AMIAD ALI KHAN 2. TABASSUM. N W/O. MOHAMMED ANEESARAFATH KHAN **Both are residing at** Old No. 17, New No. 22, 18th Crossbyrappa Layout,near Rashidiya Masjidgovindapura, BANGALORE KARNATAKA 560045 **Loan Account No.- EMFCNTBN0009015** **Claim Amount Due Rs.2759340/-** as on 04-06-2021 with further interest from 05-06-2021 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.3642483/- as on 23-06-2023).	All the piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing Site No.45, Property No. 501/45, Katha No.436, Converted Sy.No.252/1, Vide Conversion order No. ALN SR.62/87-88, Dt:4/5/1988, Situated at Madapatna Village, Haragadde Dhakale, Haragadde Village Panchayathi, Jigan Hobli, Anekal Tq and Bangalore. And bounded on the: North by: Site No.46, South by: Road, East by: Site No.44, West by: Mr. C.Nagaraj Land, Measurement: East to West 40 Ft and North to South 30 Ft, Total extent 1200 Sqft, Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Basavanagudi (Jigani) and Registration District of Bangalore. together with all buildings and Structure attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easasmentary/mamool rights annexed thereto, and the boundaries of the said land are as follows. **Reserve Price: Rs.30,00,000/-, Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.3,00,000/- Contact Names: Hussian : 8880880305, Darshana K M : 9611143773**
1. Mr. Ramanji S/o. Doddanna 2. Mrs. Rajani W/o. Ramanji D **Both are residing at** No 521 4Th Cross, Kodigehalli Amurthahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560092. **Loan Account No.- EMFMAKLI0008417** Claim Amount Due Rs.1766477/- as on 20-07-2019 with further interest from 21-07-2019 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.2993360/- as on 23-06-2023).	All the Peace and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site no. 15, New.No.15, Site.no. 221, Katha. No. 221/221, Formed out of property.No.81, Assessment. No. 203 (221/221), Situated at thindlu village, yelahanka hobli, Bangalore north taluk, now Comes under B.B.M.P limits, Bangalore, measuring East to West 22 Feet, Northh to South 32 Feet, total extent 704 S.qft North by: House belongs to Sri.Gangappa, South by: House belongs to Sri. Narayanaswamy, East by : Road, West by: Road Measurement : measuring East to West 22 Feet, North to South 32 Feet, total extent 704 S.qft. Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Heballa and Registration District of Bangalore. together with all buildings and Structure attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easasmentary/mamool rights annexed thereto, and the boundaries of the said land are as follows. **Reserve Price: Rs.38,00,000/-, Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.3,80,000/- Contact Names: Hussian : 8880880305, Darshana K M : 9611143773**
1. SHIVANNA. M S/O. MALLANNA MARANNA 2. BHARATHI. S W/O. SHIVANNA **Both are res at:** 11th, Ward Kareanahallinear Goapalappa Quatresdoda, Ballapur, Karnataka561203 **Loan Account No.- ELPYLHNK0018717** Claim Amount Due Rs.1293458/- as on 04-06-2021 with further interest from 05-06-2021 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.1990531/- as on 23-06-2023).	All the piece and parcel of the immovable Property Bearing No. 62, Declaration No. 222, Old Katha No. 980/222/62, New Katha SI No. 980, Situated at Karenahalli Village, Aralumallige Grampanchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk and Bangalore Rural Dist.And bounded on the: North by: Property of Mr. Chalapathi, South by: Private Property, East by: Road, West by: Property of Mr. Policeappa, Measurement: East to West 40 ft, North to South 15 ft, Total Extent of 600 Sq.ft, Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Doddaballapura and Registration District of Bangalore Rural together with all buildings and Structure attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easasmentary/mamool rights annexed thereto, and the boundaries of the said land are as follows. **Reserve Price: Rs.14,30,000/-, Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.1,43,000/- Contact Names: Hussian : 8880880305, Darshana K M : 9611143773**
1. Mr. Manjunatha Singh S/o. Kanaka Singh 2. Mrs. Sujathabai W/o. Chandraci P **Both are residing at** No.66,Raysingh Layout, Hoskote, Bangalore Rural, Karnataka - 562114 **Loan Account No.- SEKRPRM0192558** Claim Amount Due Rs.1103581/- as on 09-08-2019 with further interest from 10-08-2019 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.2495772/- as on 23-06-2023).	All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Khata No.370/1 situated at Raysingh Layout, Hosakote town, Bangalore Rural District. North by: Private property, South by : Private property, East by: 15 feet Road, G.K.B.M.S School Compound, West by: Kodandappa's property. Measurement : East to West 30 feet North to South 20 feet total measuring 600 Sq.ft., Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Hosakote and Registration District of Bangalore Rural. together with all buildings and Structure attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easasmentary/mamool rights annexed thereto, and the boundaries of the said land are as follows. **Reserve Price: Rs.18,00,000/-, Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.1,80,000/- Contact Names: Hussian : 8880880305, Darshana K M : 9611143773**

Date of Auction: 19-07-2023
For detailed terms and conditions of the E-Auction sale, please refer to the link provided in www.equitasbank.com & https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net

Date : 30.06.2023 **Authorized Officer-**
Place: Bangalore **Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd**

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No.: KUIDFC/KUWSMP/NGO/225/2015-16 Date: 30.06.2023

Expression of Interest for Submission of EoIs for the "SUPPORT ORGANIZATION" (SOs) for implementation of Communications and Stakeholders Intermediation Activities at Hubballi-Dharwad, Belagavi and Kalaburagi cities under KUWSMP

(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

KUIDFC is implementing 24x7 Continuous Pressurized Water Supply Scheme under the World Bank assisted "Karnataka Urban Water Supply Modernization Project" (KUWSMP) in the cities of Hubballi-Dharwad, Belagavi and Kalaburagi. KUIDFC intends to appoint separate Support Organisation for Hubballi-Dharwad, Belagavi and Kalaburagi cities to implement Communications and Stakeholder's Intermediation Strategy (CSIS) Activities as part of continuous communication interventions for active involvement of Stakeholders under the project. Interested SOs may submit EoIs online through e-Portal by **16.00 Hrs on 21.07.2023** (as per e-Portal time). Details of the EoIs on the proposed assignment is available on the Karnataka e-Procurement Portal **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and KUIDFC website: **www.kuidfc.com from 30.06.2023.** Separate EoIs are to be submitted for each project city. For any clarifications, the DGM-(Procurement), KUIDFC may be contacted. Telephone: +91 080 25196125; Fascimile: +91 080 25196110.

Sd/- Deputy General Manager, KUWSMP, KUIDFC, Bengaluru

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